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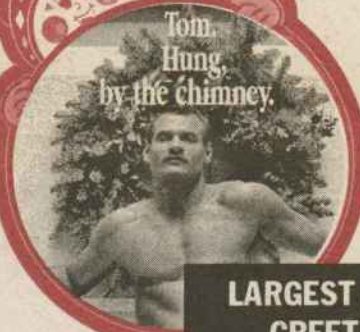


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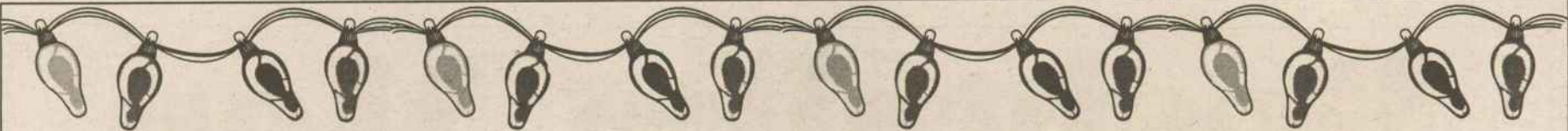
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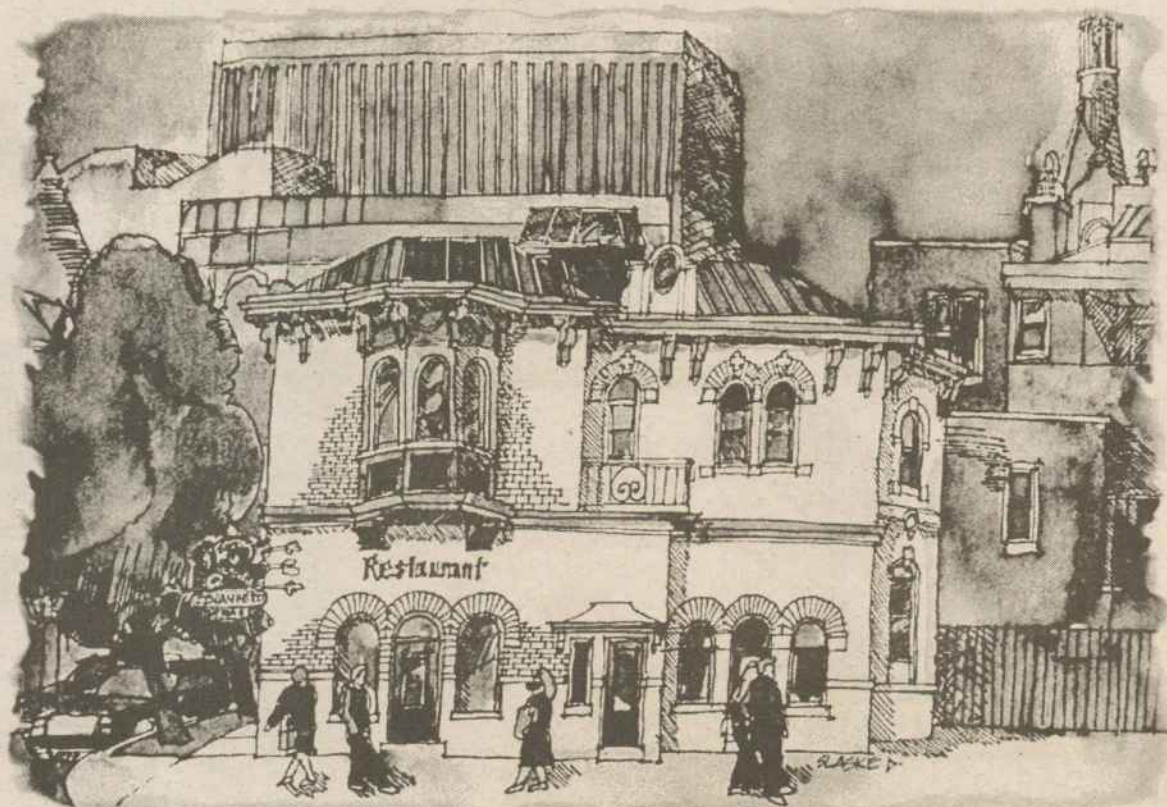


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White House Rejects AIDS Medicaid Proposal



Washington, D.C. — The Clinton administration has rejected as too expensive a proposal to extend Medicaid coverage to people with HIV to provide them with AIDS-fighting drugs before they become ill.

Officials had hoped the plan would pay for itself by keeping people healthy and saving money on future hospital care. But several proposals were tested and all were too expensive, Victor Zonana, a spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said.

Vice President Al Gore had promised AIDS activists last April that the government would give the plan serious consideration.

"If it works out, as I hope and expect it will, it can ease suffering, renew hope and help ensure that good people are not priced out of lifesaving medicine," Gore said at the time.

A new generation of AIDS drugs has

proved incredibly successful for many people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, but the medicine costs \$12,000 a year for each person treated.

People with AIDS now qualify for Medicaid coverage even if they are not poor enough to participate under the program's normal guidelines. But no such exception exists for people with HIV.

Zonana said that officials considered plans that would have provided Medicaid to people with HIV living at that poverty line and at 200, 250 and 300 percent above it.

"We kept running it with different assumptions but we weren't able to make it come out revenue neutral," he said.

However, Zonana said the administration will continue its efforts to help people with HIV access the life-saving drugs. He noted that Medicaid is already the biggest payer for HIV drugs, helping 160,000 people with HIV and AIDS.

"We're still looking for innovative ways," he said. "Other doors are definitely opening."

He that funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program was boosted 71 percent to about \$280 million this year.

Responding to the report that the Clinton administration has abandoned attempts to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income people who are HIV-infected, the Human Rights Campaign labeled the move a "moral outrage," and called upon Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to stand by the commitments of President Clinton and Vice President Gore to make new life-saving drugs available to people who cannot

afford them.

"For administration officials to acknowledge that new treatments administered early in the course of HIV disease save lives, and then fail to develop programs to make those treatments available is a moral outrage," said Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the HRC.

Stachelberg pledged that the Human Rights Campaign, working with its coalition partners, will continue to press the Clinton administration to rapidly develop a solution to this problem. "People's lives are at stake," Stachelberg said. "Too expensive" is an unacceptable excuse for not making these treatments available to people who cannot otherwise afford them.

Gay Republican Defies D.C.'s Democratic Odds

by Janelle Carter
Associated Press Writer

Washington, D.C. — David Catania is not your typical District of Columbia official. At 29 years old, he is openly gay, Republican and conservative so it's no wonder his surprise defeat over a well known Democratic councilman is sending shock waves through this liberal stronghold.

Analysts and even some Democratic party officials say Catania's election to an at-large council seat last Tuesday is proof that Democrats are losing ground in the nation's capital.

"I don't think there is a lot of fierce party loyalty at this point," said Jamin Raskin, an American University law professor who monitors D.C. politics. "It appears D.C. voters are looking for new blood."

Catania, an attorney with a local law firm, is the first openly gay member and second Republican member of the council. He joins Carol Schwartz, a popular liberal GOP member.

He garnered 45 percent of the vote to beat out Democrat Arrington Dixon who

received 35 percent. Just 7 percent of the city's 341,407 registered voters cast ballots in the special election. Dixon, the ex-husband of former Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, is a well-known figure in local political circles who has served on the council since August, after Linda Cropp was elected council chairwoman.

Two other candidates — Democratic newcomer Phil Heinrich and Mary Martin of the Socialist Worker's Party — garnered 17 and 2 percent respectively.

Catania, while campaigning on a platform that promoted school vouchers and the death penalty for cop killers, criticized Dixon as a relic of the city's old guard that created the city's current financial and management mess.

Indeed, Catania said his election was a message to politicians who have "squandered home rule."

"I think voters are attracted to ideas and determination and integrity," he said. "It doesn't matter what the label is. Local issues are not partisan issues. My age never became an issue. My sexual orientation never became an issue."

Catania received endorsements from *The Washington Post* and *The City Paper*.

Many said his election could indicate problems for four-term Mayor Marion Barry and other council members who face re-election next year.

"People are already talking about the mayor's race," said local activist Dorothy Brizill. "The conversation goes, 'We don't want any of the people who are currently candidates or possible candidates.'"

"It's just disappointing to watch the Democratic Party go down this way," said John Capozzi, a member of the D.C. Democratic State Committee.

Capozzi conceded that his party had "turned back to yesterday" by endorsing Dixon.

"We were the official endorsers of Arrington Dixon. It's clear this group really needs a shakeup. The fossilization over there really needs to be challenged," Capozzi said.

Catania will serve out the final year of Cropp's term. He must run for a full four-year term next year.

Supreme Court Hears Same-Sex Harassment Case

Washington, DC — (AP) The Supreme Court debated last week whether unlawful sexual harassment at work covers employees of the same sex, discussing instances of grabbing genitals and patting workers on the behind.

The justices during arguments appeared troubled by a U.S. appeals court ruling that a 1964 federal civil rights law barring discrimination based on sex never may be applied to same-sex harassment cases.

But the justices questioned whether the law requires that workers of one sex be treated differently than employees of another sex, and grappled with what constitutes illegal sexual harassment, as opposed to offensive hazing.

The case has become one of the most closely watched of the high court's 1997-98 term and has important implications for workplace discrimination, legal experts say.

Harassment involving the opposite sex has long been covered by the law. The number of lawsuits alleg-

ing same-sex harassment in the workplace has been increasing nationwide.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor cited an employer who "had the unfortunate habit of patting every employee — both male and female — on the fanny every day." She asked how that case would involve discrimination.

In a similar example, Justice Anthony Kennedy asked about "an uncouth supervisor who makes offensive jokes to both sexes."

Nicholas Canaday, a lawyer representing a male employee who alleges he was sexually harassed by his supervisors, said the law applies if the sexual conduct had been pervasive, creating a hostile work environment.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked Canaday if he would have a case if the worker, Joseph Oncale, had been subjected to "obnoxious hazing" but it "had nothing to do" with alleged sexual conduct, including the "grabbing" of Oncale's genitals.

Canaday admitted such conduct would not be illegal under the law.

If there had been sexual hazing, Chief Justice William Rehnquist questioned whether Oncale would have to prove there had been different treatment of men versus women.

But Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said it would be difficult to show because Oncale worked in an all-male environment on a Louisiana oil rig.

"There was no other sex involved in this case," she said.

"How do we know how these gross people would have treated women or how the employer would have reacted?"

Canaday said there would be evidence of how the employer treated women in other circumstances, such as in other offices.

Justice Department lawyer Edwin Kneedler also argued that the law covers same-sex harassment.

In response to O'Connor's example about the fanny-patting boss, Kneedler called him a "hypothetical equal opportunity harasser."

Harry Reasoner, a Houston attorney, argued in favor of the company, Sundowner Offshore Services Inc., and took the position that same-sex harassment never would be covered by the law.

Ginsburg asked him about a "male boss who takes good care of women, but treats men miserably."

Reasoner answered that such a boss may be "foolish," but said the law does not reach same-sex harassment.

He said Congress in adopting the anti-discrimination law "sought to level the playing field" for men and women in the workplace, and "was not trying to reach conduct between men."

But Rehnquist said, "I don't see how we could possibly sustain the ruling (of the appeals court that the law) never could be" applied to same-sex harassment.

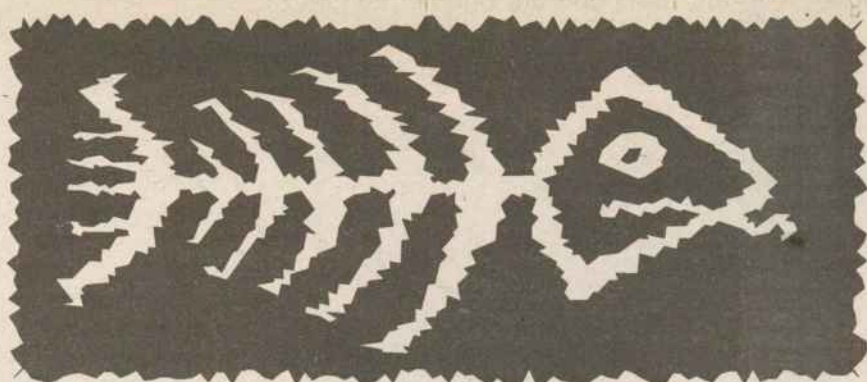
The Supreme Court took the case under advisement, with a ruling due by June.

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Study: Popular People Can Influence AIDS Risk Behavior

Milwaukee — Friends influence friends. Based on this axiom, new research found that trained, popular leaders helped reduce AIDS high-risk behavior by two-thirds in their communities through discussion with their friends. The results of the national study by investigators at the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) were reported in the Nov. 22, 1997 issue of *The Lancet*. The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

In the first true randomized trial of a community-level HIV risk reduction intervention, researchers focused on non-monogamous men patronizing gay bars in eight small U.S. cities. In four of the cities, popular and well-liked persons were taught to endorse the benefits of AIDS prevention behavior changes in conversations with their friends and acquaintances.

One year later, surveys of over 1,000 randomly selected men entering the bars revealed a 50 percent increase in condom use and a 30 percent decrease in the percentage of men reporting any unsafe sex in cities where the program was undertaken compared to cities where the special program was not conducted. The eight cities were in New York, West Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

"The intervention was successful because it was carried out by ordinary people who were willing to accept the extraordinary mission to help protect their friends and communities from AIDS," says Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., principal investigator of the study, director of CAIR and professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Medical College. "Organizing popular members of social groups to recommend behavior changes to others around them draws on the power of a community to protect itself from AIDS."

Popular individuals were asked if they would be willing to take on roles as volunteer AIDS prevention educators during everyday conversations they had with their friends. "Almost all of the popular people approached and asked to take on these educator roles did so, in large measure," Dr. Kelly says, "because they wanted to do something to help stop AIDS in their community." The study showed that when popular people endorse and recommend risk reduction behavior changes to others in their natural circle of friends, norms and social supports are created that help others avoid risk.

Most past HIV prevention efforts have been programs that provide one-on-one or small group counseling by professionals. However, these approaches alone are not enough to stop a major public health epidemic and AIDS prevention requires larger-scale programs. The results of this study show that community-level interventions that mobilize well-liked persons to talk with others about the value of safer sex can reach large numbers of people in a cost-effective manner.

CAIR investigators first conducted surveys of gay bar staff and patrons to identify those persons in the crowds who were best-liked and most popular with others. These individuals, termed "popular opinion leaders," attended a five-week program in which they learned how to communicate positive AIDS prevention messages to others in everyday conversations. An average of 40 popular opinion leaders in each city participated in the training program, and many had AIDS prevention conversations afterward with dozens of their friends.

The researchers believe that as the opinion leaders had more and more conversations with their friends and acquaintances, messages supporting the importance of HIV prevention became a part of the social fabric of the community.

Results of the study have led CAIR researchers to apply similar friends-talking-to-friends intervention strategies with other AIDS-vulnerable populations, including women in inner-city public housing developments and adolescents. Because it relies on people's conversations with others as its key element, the same approach may also be useful for community-level interventions to prevent other diseases, according to Dr. Kelly. "Problems like drug use, heavy drinking and smoking might be prevented through similar programs that engage popular opinion leaders to talk with their own friends about these behaviors."

In addition to Dr. Kelly, other Medical College of Wisconsin investigators were Kathleen J. Sikkema, Ph.D., Timothy L. McAuliffe, Ph.D., Seth C. Kalichman, Ph.D., and Debra A. Murphy, Ph.D. Directed by the Medical College of Wisconsin team, collaborating investigators working on the programs were from the University of Washington, Seattle; the University of Vermont; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia.

Extortion Charges and Tear-Gas Attacks at D.C. Bars

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, D.C. — Gay bars in the nation's capital have recently been the focus of investigations — not because they're gay bars, but because of reported extortion and tear-gas bombings.

District officials are investigating reports of extortion attempts by police officer Lt. Jeffrey Stowe who is charged with copying license plate numbers of gay bar patrons believed to be married men, and then threaten to expose them unless they paid money — up to \$10,000 each.

The case against Stowe has also led to the resignation in late November of the District's police chief, Larry Soulsby over questions of Stowe's pay records. Until recently, Stowe and Soulsby shared a house together and were close friends. Stowe is also being investigated for possibly false reimbursement claims paid by the department and Soulsby's role in authorizing the payments to his friend forced his resignation.

About the same time, U.S. Marine Corps investigators are charging that five Marines tear-gassed Remington's, a gay bar in the capital, last July. All five of the Marines are stationed at the capital's Marine barracks.

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Gay Window Dedicated in Small Town Church

by Richard D. Mohr
Special to In Step

Champaign, IL — In what may well be a national first, the McKinley Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois on Sunday November 30th dedicated a gay-themed stained glass window newly-installed on the church's East aisle.

The classic five-by-twelve foot cathedral-arch window depicts, at top, a pink triangle set against a white celtic cross and blue background. Immediately below is an abstracted rainbow flag. Farther down is, on the left, a red AIDS commemorative ribbon, and, on the right, the flaming heart symbol of the compassionate Jesus. Still farther down are two peaceful landscape panels which pick up the feel and palette of a Tiffany Studios pastoral window farther along the aisle. At mid-window left, are two male hands in a passionate clasp and, on the right, two female hands lightly hold each other. In turn, each couple's hands are embraced by a pair of hands representing, according to Pastor Charlie Sweitzer, either the congregation or God.

A scroll on the left presents Galatians 3:28 "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female."

On the right, a scroll quotes words of John Robinson said in parting to the Pilgrims as they left the Netherlands, "The Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from God's word."

The phrase "more light" is set in capitals to mark the Church as one of the Presbyterian More Light ministries, which are dedicated to social and religious justice for lesbian and gay people. The McKinley Church has been part of the More Light movement for eighteen years.

The window built at a cost of ten-thousand dollars was dedicated in honor of Carolyn Worley, a long-time head of the church's Social Concerns Committee who is currently suffering late stage Parkinson disease. The window was donated by her brother Mark Juergensmeyer, a Professor of Sociology at the University of California - Santa Barbara. Juergensmeyer explained, "I wanted to do something impressive for my sister — and something before she died. When the board of directors informed me that the remaining available window slot had been reserved for a gay-themed work, I was delighted. For though I'm happily heterosexually married, I'm openly not merely straight."

Though on gay issues the Presbyterian Church nationally is one of the most internally conflicted Protestant denominations, the McKinley Presbyterian Church has been one of the most consistently gay-progressive institutions in Champaign. In the Spring of 1998, it will host a national conference of the More Light Churches Network with 200-300 representatives from around the country attending.

MCC' Troy Perry Among Religious Leaders Recognized by White House

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, DC — Among some 120 religious leaders who were recognized at a White House ecumenical breakfast by President Clinton was the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the predominately gay and lesbian Metropolitan Community Churches.

But Rev. Perry's attendance at the event didn't escape the attention of anti-gay activists, and three groups — Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, the Family Research Council and the Institute for Religion and Democracy — joined in a call for the president to dis-invite the open gay minister and religious leader.


In a press release, the anti-gay groups said of Rev. Perry: "He's taken all divine judgment out of sexuality and champions the most vile perversions known to man. In addition to promoting sodomy and denying the hopeful truth that homosexuals can change, he glorifies the infliction of pain and humiliation through bondage, whipping and torture. Honoring him further degrades the Office of the Presidency."

The anti-gay groups charged the Clinton administration of undergoing a "moral meltdown" and asked, "What's next? A memorial to Church of Satan founder Anton LeVay?"

In his speech at the breakfast, President Clinton made no reference to the far-right objections, but White House aides called Rev. Perry to assure him that the president had no intention of dropping his invitation.

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Opposition to Colin Powell 'Thank You' Turns Nasty in S.F.

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco — A normally non-controversial proposal of commendation brought before the city's governing Board of Supervisors thanking an individual for his contributions to the welfare of children ran head-on into a Skud missile here when openly gay Supe. Tom Ammiano said "no thank you," effectively killing the resolution and setting of a week of political fireworks.

The fracas exploded when Supe. Gavin Newsom, the board's only straight white male, introduced a resolution to officially thank retired Gen. Colin Powell for helping raise earlier in November some \$1.4 million in private funds for programs to help disadvantaged youth in the city. Powell heads up the President's Summit for America's Future, a program aimed at encouraging the country's young people to get involved in community programs and agencies.

But Ammiano took immediate exception to any official thank-you from the board because Powell, who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the bruising congressional debate over ending the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces, was one of the staunchest opponents of allowing gays and lesbians to serve in the nation's military.

"You have to realize the name of Colin Powell, for better or for worse, is a red flag," Ammiano said, and called for the resolution to be turned over to a board committee for further study — a death warrant for a resolution like this.

"There are many gay and lesbians who thought Colin Powell's remarks about the inappropriateness of gays in the military shameful."

As then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell is considered by many as the most influential force opposing ending the ban on gays and lesbians in the military when Congress decided to preempt any possible Clinton executive order and enacted the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy that's currently in effect.

At one point Powell, who is an African-American, said, "Skin color is a benign, non-behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics." He also threatened to resign both from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and from the armed forces if President Clinton was successful in his initial call to end the ban.

The normally humdrum board meeting at times turned into a shouting match between Newsom, who charged Ammiano with "hypocrisy," and Ammiano, who said Newsom introducing the resolution without consulting other board members was at least "naive" or "insensitive." In the process, most of the other supervisors became embroiled in the raucous goings-on. At one point Supe. Susan Leal, a lesbian, called on board President Barbara

Kaufman to declare Newsom out of order for his criticisms of Ammiano.

For several days following the board meeting, the controversy continued to occupy radio talk shows, newspaper editorialists and local politics.

One of the most popular talk show hosts started off his daily radio program the day after the board's meeting by calling Ammiano "a jerk." The day after, an editorial in the *San Francisco Examiner* accused Ammiano of "mindless intolerance," calling him a leader of the "PC gestapo."

At the same time, Mayor Willie Brown said the board's refusal to endorse the resolution was "a terrible diplomatic faux pas." But Brown then added a bit more fuel to the sputtering fire by saying that Ammiano's objections were "crazy" and said he had already personally thanked Powell for his earlier fund-raising trip to the city and would thank him again.

To which Ammiano replied, "The mayor can use his office to thank anyone he wants, but I cannot be force to thank someone I don't want to."

Newsom then turned up for a meeting of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club to express his regrets that the whole issue had erupted into such an uproar and announced that he had no intention of introducing the resolution again.

But Brown's remarks were enough to prompt the influential political group to adopt its own resolution condemning Mayor Brown for criticizing Ammiano and the board's actions in refusing to accept the Powell resolution. Milk Club leaders said the mayor was just wrong to use words like "crazy" to characterize Ammiano's deeply held convictions.

While the switchboard at city hall was lighting up with callers praising or condemning one side or the other, Ammiano also reported that he received "a handful" of telephoned death threats at his home over his opposition to the Powell resolution.

Disney Head Says Boycott Hasn't Hurt

New York, NY — The Walt Disney Co. hasn't experienced any noticeable financial damage because of a boycott by an organization of Southern Baptists, company chairman Michael Eisner said in his first public interview on the subject.

"It hasn't had a financial impact," Eisner told CBS-TV news program *60 Minutes* in an interview aired on Sunday, Nov. 23.

While Eisner dismissed the impact of the boycott — which began in June — he acknowledged that it prompted him to go on "60 Minutes" to discuss the Baptists' constant complaints about what they say is an "anti-family" direction the company during the past few years. The Southern Baptists also charged that Disney promoted a "homosexual agenda" by permitting Gay Days at Disney theme parks, offering partner benefits to its workers and the coming out episode of the TV program "Ellen."

"That's ridiculous," Eisner said during the interview. "We're not pushing any agenda."

NEWS WIRE

Panel OKs "Friendship Wedding" at Elementary School

Dover, DE — A school review committee has decided that a mock "friendship wedding" pairing second-graders of the same sex at the Star Hill Elementary School was acceptable and didn't have to be dropped from the class curriculum.

Ede Outten, the teacher who devised the classroom exercise to promote friendship and caring among the students, said she was relieved by the panel's 9-2 decision in her favor.

Some parents had objected that the "friendship wedding" promoted homosexuality and had asked the school district to prevent Outten from holding the ceremony again.

Outten said the kids understood they "were not getting married" and that they were playing a friendship game, much like the children's TV program "Barney" where kids sing "I love you, you love me."

Salt Lake City Gives 1st OK to Anti-Bias Measure

Salt Lake City, UT — The Salt Lake City council has given its initial approval to a measure that would prohibit the city government from discriminating in employment because of sexual orientation.

The council has to again vote on the proposed measure before it can become law, and the anti-bias proposal will again come up for consideration at its December meeting.

Councilwoman Deeda Seed promised to introduce an anti-discrimination measure when she ran for a seat on the city council in 1995, but said it had taken her two years to muster enough support for the anti-bias measure on the council.

Canadian Province Keeps Foster Parent Ban

Edmonton — Canadian rights advocates say the decision of Alberta officials not to change its regulations to allow gays and lesbians to serve as foster parents will mean a legal challenge in the country's courts.

Lyle Oberg, Alberta's social services minister, declared recently that the agency has no policy barring gays and lesbians from being foster parents, but the written policy continues to state that the government won't place foster children with "a family living in a non-traditional arrangement or with a single person if it is known within the community that they are a practicing gay or lesbian."

The social services ministry recently refused to place any more foster children with a woman, known only as "Ms. T," even though she has cared for dozens of such kids in the past two decades. But the ministry decided she was no longer fit to serve as a foster parent after she went through a divorce and began living with her lesbian partner. The woman now says her only recourse is through the nation's courts, where she says she intends to challenge the ministry's policy excluding gay and lesbian foster parents.

Elton Honored by C.A.R.E.

Atlanta, GA — C.A.R.E., the World War Two era international charity organization, has honored British pop singer Elton John with its Oliver Kiss International Humanitarian Award.

John, who is openly gay, was recognized by the agency for his work in fighting AIDS in Thailand through the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

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Bradley Foundation Gift Announced at St. Camillus World AIDS Day Event

Milwaukee — Discussing his serious concern about our society treating AIDS as if it were a thing of the past, Brother Stephen Braddock, Founder and Executive Director of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, announced that the Bradley Foundation, a locally based, nationally recognized foundation, understands that this is not the case and has awarded the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry a \$100,000 grant.

"While many foundations are either cutting back on their support of AIDS programs or are abandoning AIDS altogether in favor of new causes, members of the Board of Directors of the Bradley Foundation have shown that they understand that AIDS is not over and that there are still many, many people suffering in our midst," commented Brother Braddock. He explained that The Bradley Foundation gift will be used to support St. Camillus' Sensitive Care Program for people living with HIV and AIDS.

The event at which Brother Braddock made this announcement was actually held on the eve of World AIDS Day, November 30, 1997, and featured a performance by Jeanne Cotter, an inspirational pianist and vocalist who weaves her own experience with AIDS through her performance. Ms. Cotter explained that her brother, the oldest of ten in her family and her father's namesake, died in their hometown of Austin, Minnesota surrounded by his family.

Prior to dedicating a song to her father, she explained that he was not always supportive of his son. "Being an Irish Catholic from rural Minnesota, he reacted rather negatively to my brother's announcement that

he was gay" she said. She went on to explain that her father apologized to her brother on his deathbed and asked him if he could ever forgive him for the way he behaved. The audience which included parents of children lost to AIDS was clearly moved by her story.

"We definitely experienced a mixture of emotions Sunday evening," commented Brother Braddock after this event. "Jeanne Cotter's story and the personal stories of many in attendance are mixtures of sadness and joy. Similarly, our celebration of receipt of the gift from the Bradley Foundation was tempered by the reality that giving to AIDS is decreasing and that those in need will certainly suffer as a result."

St. Camillus also held a service of music, prayer and remembrance on its Campus on World AIDS Day and those in attendance were invited to write the name of a loved one on a red ribbon and attach it to a memory wreath which was placed in the AIDS Ministry's memory garden following a procession from the St. Camillus Chapel. The service began with the bells in the chapel ringing 17 times — once for each year of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Governor Thompson sent his greetings and Mayor John Norquist issued a proclamation on the occasion of the World AIDS Day events at St. Camillus. The Mayor declared Sunday, November 30th to be known as St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Day throughout the City of Milwaukee.

Of St. Camillus, Governor Thompson said: The support and guidance this ministry gives to people who are affected by HIV and AIDS is truly commendable. It is truly an honor to pay tribute to the fine volunteers and contributors who have helped St. Camillus implement the HIV/AIDS Ministry. The State of Wisconsin is honored to have such a fine group of people in our state; they are excellent role models for others to follow."

Brother Braddock later flew to Boston to announce the Order's establishment of St. Camillus Residence for persons living with HIV and AIDS in the greater Boston/Worcester area of Massachusetts. The Order of St. Camillus sponsors HIV/AIDS services on five continents and in 31 countries. For more information on volunteering for contributing to the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS ministry, please contact (414) 259-4664.

The United Hosts 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Out!

Madison — Live jazz, country line-dancing and a countdown dance party will highlight the entertainment on December 31, 1997 at The United's Third Annual New Year's Eve Out! The Pink Party. This benefit for The United will be held at the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street from 9 p.m. until 4 a.m.

"As far as we know, this is the biggest Queer New Year's Eve Fund-raiser in the Midwest," said Paul Hugget, Pink Party Chair. "This event is much more than just a celebration of the New Year. The money we raise will help fund many of the outreach and support programs The United provides to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allied community."

Hugget expects attendance for this event to easily surpass 1,000 people.

A number of events will be a part of the celebration. The Pink Party Package starts at 9 p.m. and includes live jazz, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, party favors, a complimentary champagne toast at midnight and cash bars.

The Countdown Dance Party with DJ Tony Ritschard will take place from 10:30 to 4 a.m. in the Civic Center Crossroads. A new addition to this year's party is Country Line Dancing in the Civic Center's Marquee Room from 10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. (lessons at 9:30 p.m.).

Tickets for the Pink Party Package are \$30 each or \$50 for two and must be purchased in advance. Tickets for general admission after 10:30 are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and include party favors and the champagne toast. Tickets are available in Madison at Community Pharmacy, Border's Bookstore, Out To Lunch, Home Environment, Orange Tree Imports, A Room of One's Own, and The United. For credit card orders, call (608) 255-8582.

Official sponsors of New Year's Eve Out! The Pink Party are Home Savings, Miller Brewing Company and *Wisconsin Light*. The United, Madison and Dane County's GLBT and allied community center and social service agency, provides community advocacy, peer counseling, support groups, information and referral and many other services. For more information call (608) 255-4297.

ARCW Continues To Expand Milwaukee HIV Health Clinic

Milwaukee — Since 1992, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) HIV Health Clinic has provided a number of health services and programs for individuals with HIV and their family members. Several new initiatives have been added to

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the HIV Health Clinic's current services to continue meeting client needs.

"We are always listening and seeking input from our clients and other HIV and AIDS service providers to identify community needs and gaps in services," said Neil Albrecht, ARCW's Southeastern regional director. "New additions to our HIV Health Clinic are a direct result from that input. This further expansion of services represents meeting the increasing needs of people living with HIV and AIDS."

Mental health program expands into Medication Management Good mental health is necessary to life. For individuals with HIV and AIDS, it can be critical to maintaining a strong immune system. This sometimes becomes a challenge due to many factors, including stress and self-doubt associated with trying new combination therapies. These drugs have many different side-effects for each individual, and require a trained professional to help a person with HIV or AIDS understand what these effects might be and how to prevent them from becoming barriers in taking the therapy.

When it comes to AIDS treatment, the use of medication is important. Timing, specifications, side effects, everything must be known by a patient. Information is fundamental to succeeding on a new treatment therapy. With this in mind, the HIV Health Clinic has begun providing a Medication Management group.

The Medication Management group is designed

to explain the details, answer questions and suggest compliance strategies. The group is facilitated by registered nurses and meets every other week at rotating locations is a direct result of a suggestion. Funding has been provided by: Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Glaxo Wellcome; Roche Laboratories, Inc.; and Roxane Laboratories, Inc.

Additionally, ARCW's HIV Health Clinic now maintains a Milwaukee community-wide support group list for both individuals who are HIV infected or the people in their lives. ARCW's HIV Health Clinic also provides psychotropic medication evaluation and psychological testing from certified professionals through a Ryan White Mental Health Care grant.

Proper nutrition is key for healthy living. Maintaining proper nutritional health is another important factor for individuals with HIV or AIDS to sustain quality of life. Persons with HIV and AIDS who do not maintain proper nutrition may, at some point, experience a symptom known as "wasting syndrome," which involves significant weight loss and muscle deterioration. The HIV Health Clinic has started a nutrition program, thanks to a Milwaukee Foundation Grant, to reduce an HIV positive individual's chances of experiencing wasting syndrome.

Currently, 25 adult clients are enrolled in a year-long study. Each client received an individualized treatment plan from a registered dietician who is working with the ARCW food pantry to provide the needed items for these specialized diets.

The dietician, Joelle Lefevre, R.D., C.D., is also training ARCW staff to accurately do nutritional assessment screenings and how to help HIV positive individuals understand nutritional importance. There will also be four client forums on this topic within the upcoming year.

For more information about these and other services available at ARCW's HIV Health Clinic, call 414-225-1571.

Bisexual Comedian at Bi Definition's 2nd Anniversary Party

Milwaukee — Bisexual comedian Mike Selha, who has performed nationally, uses comedy to break down artificially imposed boundaries and create dialogue between communities, will be the featured event at Bi Definition's 2nd Annual Anniversary Party on Saturday, January 3.

The laughs will begin at 7 p.m. at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street.

There will be a chili dinner, music by bisexual

performers and diversity games and exercises before the big night of hilarious comedy. A Bi Definition membership is just \$10. Otherwise \$5 covers the cost of just the party. For more information call Steve at (414) 483-5046.

Spectrum To Launch New Youth Group in Lake County, IL

Grayslake, IL — Spectrum, the College of Lake County's gay, lesbian, bisexual and friends organization, is currently planning a youth group to start in the spring, and will serve Lake County's high school gay, lesbian and bisexual community members. The purpose of this group is to provide support and activities for gay, lesbian and bisexual high school students.

Interested high school students are needed to form

the group, and any interested community members wishing to contribute to the group are also sought. Any high school student or community members interested in this new youth group should contact Chad Parsons, Co-president of Spectrum at (847) 740-2198.

Breast Cancer Network Seeks Artwork

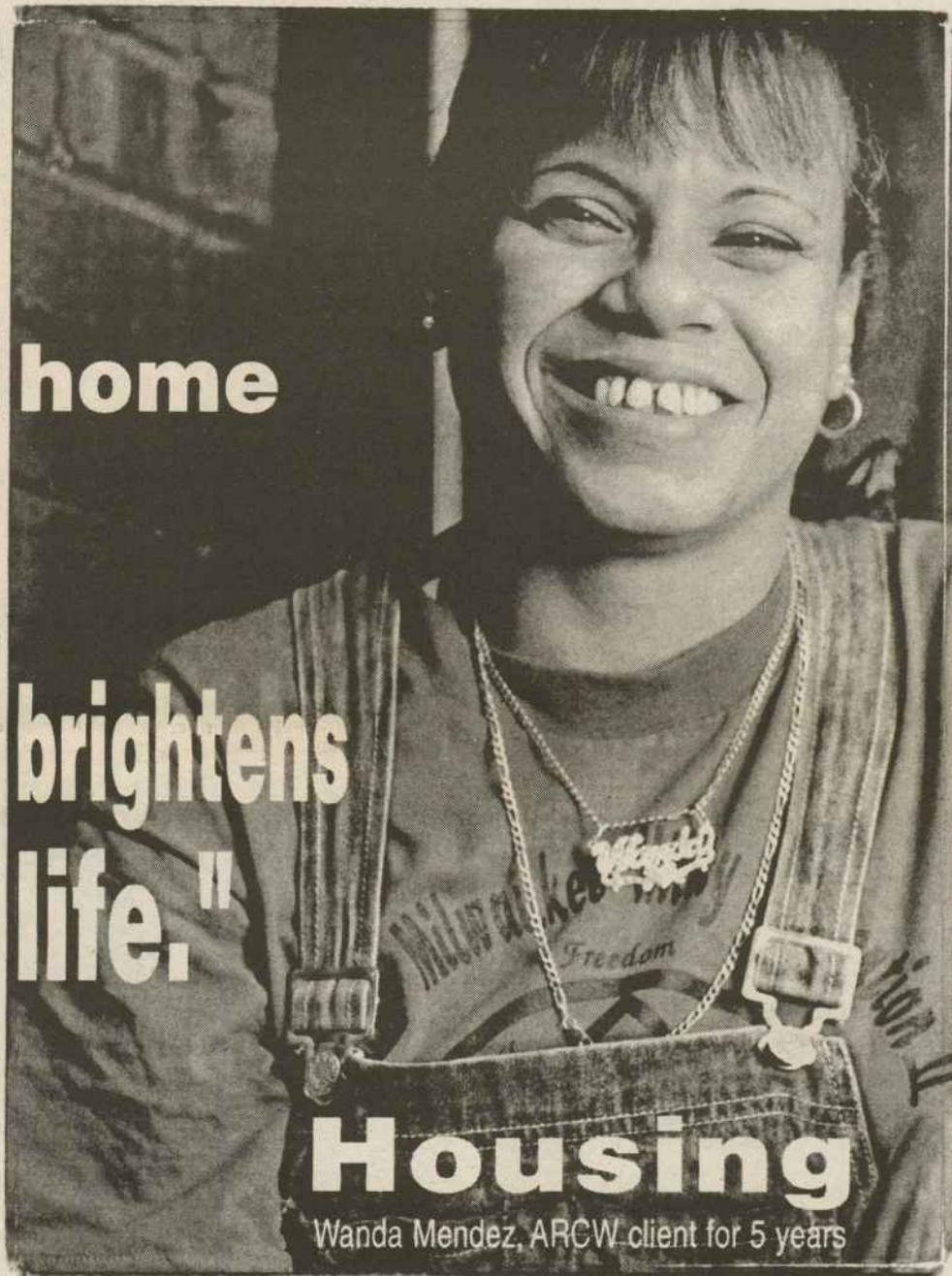
Leeds, MA — The Pioneer Valley Breast Cancer Network is seeking works of art: stories (fiction or non-fiction), poetry, drawings, and photos dealing with the fear of recurrence or metastases from persons who have had breast cancer.

For guidelines, send a SASE to Anthology: Pioneer Breast Cancer Network, PO Box 536, Leeds, MA 01053. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 1998.

Unity Church Announces Christmas Eve Service

Milwaukee — Unity Church will celebrate Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. with a Candle-lighting Service led by Revs. Ralph and Carolyn Grzecki. A special Christmas story and music will also be featured. The church is located at 1717 N. 73rd Street and the public is invited to attend. For more information call (414) 475-0105.

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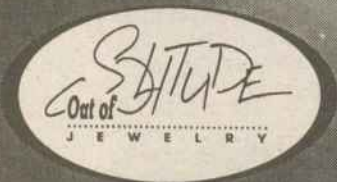
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"Living Beyond Loss" Program Helps HIV-Positive People Cope with AIDS-Related Loss

Milwaukee — Two years ago, Michael Brown lost his lover to AIDS. It's taken him a while to accept the loss, but, he says, he thinks he's almost there. The process of grieving has been long and difficult, especially since Brown is facing the prospect of the same disease that took the life of his lover. He is HIV-positive, diagnosed in the disease in the early 1980's.

"I watched someone I love die, and it was very difficult for a couple of years," Brown, age 37, told *In Step*.

Brown is not coping with his grief alone, though. He and other people with HIV who have lost lovers, friends, or family to AIDS are participating in a program called Living Beyond Loss. Sponsored by the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin, the program seeks to confidentially bring people like Brown together so that they can share their experiences and perhaps help one another.

"This program provides twelve weeks of group or individual therapy to HIV-positive men and women who want to learn about ways of coping with HIV infection and AIDS-related loss," says Kathleen Sikkema, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and principal investigator of the project. "We

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offer a safe and encouraging environment in which participants can openly discuss their feelings of grief and bereavement."

Group members say they have to cope with many everyday events that can cause anxiety and stress, events such as having to take their medications in front of other people, talking with family and friends about their health status, and preparing for the prospect of major illnesses. In addition, all members of the groups have lost at least one person to AIDS; some have lost many more. The daily challenges they face because of their health, combined with their grief, can be overwhelming at times.

Brown says the group helped him open up and talk about issues he had held inside and previously had difficulty discussing. "Now, I am going forward. I was able to let go of the feelings of my lover. The group helped make me stronger, it made me realize I had to go on."

Arlene Kochman, MSW/CSW, coordinator of the program, believes that participants find common ground very quickly. "Because many of them have experienced a number of losses — jobs, family, friends — largely because of their health,



Arlene Kochman, MSW/CSW (left) and Kathleen J. Sikkema, PhD, lead a therapy session on AIDS-related loss. Photo: CAIR

they tend to find respect for one another soon after they meet," she says. "They are able to share their concerns about their health and their futures."

The therapy groups are also helping CAIR's researchers understand AIDS-related bereavement. "We're learning a lot about how individuals survive emotionally. We've gained a real respect for group members' inner strengths and for their ability to keep going," says Kochman. At Brown's last group session, he evaluated the ways he had changed over the previous twelve weeks: "I'm a lot stronger emotionally, and I'm coping with my lover's death a lot better than I had in the past. I'm moving on and dealing with life."

Brown says that he remains close to the other people in the group. "We keep in touch, we get together."

For more information about the Living Beyond Loss program, contact Arlene Kochman at 456-7731. Participants will be asked to complete a number of confidential assessments and will be paid up to \$200 for completion of the entire program.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Christopher Krimmer

Viatical Settlements

If you have opened up a national gay magazine within the past five years you undoubtedly came across an advertisement from a viatical settlement provider asking you to sell your life insurance policy to them. The company will pay you somewhere in the range of 45% to 95% of the face value of your policy in one lump sum. In return, the viatical provider will receive the right to the full proceeds of your life insurance once you have passed away. However, there is one caveat — you must have AIDS or a terminal disease.

At first glance, these viatical agreements may sound alarming. After all, it is a company which not only makes a profit off of someone's death but, in fact, hopes that the person will die soon enough so that it can receive a greater return on its investment.

On the other hand, once one gets past the moral implications of betting on someone's life expectancy, there really is no "loser" in these agreements. The viatical provider makes a nice profit. The insured person receives a large sum of money when he needs it most in his life. The only person who may be upset with the agreement would be the beneficiary who lost out of the death benefit proceeds. Nonetheless, most beneficiaries would rather see the insured person have the money if it will allow that person to die with the dignity of not going broke.

Viatical settlement agreements came into existence in response to the rising number of persons living with AIDS (PWA). Many of these people were forced to quit their jobs because they no longer had the strength to work. As a result, they had no income to pay for the expensive medications and treatment that they needed to stay alive. Often they would resort to credit cards which eventually would run out and they were left with enormous debt and no income. Research has shown that over 50% of those persons with AIDS surveyed had a difficult time paying for medicine, clothing, transportation and housing. Medical studies have

shown that there is a direct correlation between a person's level of stress and the acceleration of the AIDS virus. To many, the viatical provider is seen as a person riding on a white horse coming to take all of the person's financial woes away.

Then came the news from the AIDS Conference in Vancouver and the viatical settlement agreement industry was turned upside down on its heads. The one thing they least expected seemed to have occurred. There was talk of a new drug therapy, known as the AIDS Cocktail, which was making people with AIDS live longer. In a few cases, the Cocktail therapy worked so well that the AIDS virus became undetectable. People with AIDS were literally on the brink of death were now going back to work and exercising daily.

The key to a successful viatical company is its ability to accurately predict the insured person's life expectancy. Prior to the new drug therapy, AIDS was basically a death sentence. Now, viatical providers can only guess when a person with AIDS may die. Dignity Partners, one of the largest viatical providers in the nation, announced last year that they fiscally could not buy any more policies from people with AIDS. The day after their announcement, Dignity Partner's stock dropped dramatically from \$14.50 a share to \$1.38 a share.

Nevertheless, the AIDS Cocktail may not prove to be the end of the viatical industry. Not everyone with AIDS can tolerate the extreme toxicities in these new drugs. Others cannot afford to pay the \$18,000 to \$25,000 a year for them. Many gay men are latching onto a false sense of security that these new drugs will prove to be a cure for AIDS and therefore returning to unsafe sex. For all these reasons, the viatical industry may still thrive.

For now, both the viatical providers and the people with AIDS are anxiously waiting for news of a cure. Unfortunately, only one of the two is hoping that they find it.

First World AIDS Day At Marshfield

Marshfield, WI — The City of Marshfield had its first World AIDS Day Mass at 8 a.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Mass, officiated by Fr. Schaller, started out with a Rosary, and was followed by a sermon and prayer for those who have died of AIDS. Parishioners from St. John's Catholic Church and Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Marshfield attended the Mass which was in Latin and English.

At 4 p.m. on World AIDS Day there was an AIDS vigil at the Council Chambers Room of the Marshfield City Plaza Building. The vigil was held by the Marshfield Gay and Lesbian Organization (MGLO). Victor Pilsner, co-leader of MGLO gave a speech on AIDS to those that attended. After the speech there was a moment of silence, the lighting of candles and a closing prayer. Refreshments were served and everyone shared memories of their loved ones.

Mayor Richard Daniels of Marshfield attended the vigil and shared his views on how to control the spread of the virus in the schools. He recommended that the MGLO go to the School Board and request on-the-spot HIV/AIDS testing be done at the schools. He also recommended sponsoring videos on HIV/AIDS at Marshfield's Cable TV Station 3 for public view. The MGLO is currently looking for either donations of, or affordable videos to help educate the City's residents.

MGLO is proud to be a leader of the Marshfield LGBT community. The organization is always ready to welcome new members and proud to help in the fight against HIV/AIDS. To join MGLO, or for further information, call Vic at (715) 384-2613 or Jim at (715) 384-6731. You may also write to MGLO at 117 West Jefferson Street, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

I survived Thanksgiving, and everyone survived my food. As far as I know, I haven't killed anyone with my cooking over the years, even before I had my new handy instant meat thermometer. It was the best \$12 I ever spent. When you live with a compromised immune system, kitchen sanitation and proper cooking techniques become much more important. If you've ever cooked a feast, you know how hard it is to stuff everything into the oven and the microwave, especially that last 45 minutes or so before serving time. This year I could assure myself that the items that were already finished and wrapped in foil, stayed at the proper temps, thanks to that little thermometer. What I really need is a double oven and a bigger kitchen.

Kim's family enjoyed themselves, even after several variations of sleeping accommodations. There were six adults, and two kids in our three bedroom flat. We have three queen size beds (one is a futon in our spare room), the one-year-old had a porta-pen, a very comfortable large couch and love seat. We played musical beds each night and I actually got to sleep in my own bed on the second night. If they come en masse again, I may contemplate bunk beds.

While they were here, Nel volunteered to babysit for the two young ones and the rest of us went downtown to Butch's Casino Steak House. After a great meal, I had them drive by the downtown Boston Store so we could view the holiday windows and the new downtown decorations. Boston Store went all out, with One Whole Window done with animated rabbits. I saw better animated Christmas displays when I was a kid and it's hard to believe that animated display technology hasn't advanced in those 40 years and gotten more affordable. Worse yet, most of their display windows are permanently sealed off. With so few windows to do, couldn't they have done more with the few windows they have left?

The vaunted new downtown decorations were, shall we say, quaint? The garlands across the intersections need at least three times as many lights, just to make them noticeable. The wreaths and bows on the harp light poles have been done in the past and are tasteful, but nothing about the overall Holiday look of downtown shouts Big Time to me. West Allis' decorations are even better! I won't even broach the subject of the Christmas parade. Maybe the downtown merchants and politicians should take a trip to Michigan Street in Chicago, or to Minneapolis for their nighttime lighted holiday parade. They have much to learn.

Congratulations to *The Paper* and the two people on the staff I've known for years: Publisher/President Greg Quindel and Classified Editor Annabelle Havlichek. Greg, take good care of Belle, I "brought her up" but you better keep your eye on her, too, especially if she starts threatening clients with "attitude ads". Congratulations to the entire staff. Your first two issues were very well done.

Just remember there is often a sour apple somewhere in the

bag. The problem is, that same sour apple has appeared in more than one bag over the years and most of those bags had to be tossed away.

Dear Readers: If you're wondering what I mean by that comment, you don't need to know. I don't want to be accused of making applesauce.

This past Sunday the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* was certainly delightful (Not!) reading. First there was the big article about the KKK Rally down in Beloit. As usual, there were more protesters than klan supporters, and more media and police than those assembled. But Wisconsin KKK Grand Dragon (what a title, I prefer Drag-oon) Michael McQueenery (what a queeny name, and he does not look good in white) got to spout his words of hate. He blames the growing crime problem (read the statistics, they are dropping) on blacks and homosexuals and that those crimes are being covered up in the Jewish-controlled press. I wonder what educational level McQueenery achieved if the only way he can respond to crowd taunts is by shouting "Pipe down you homos" and "Shut up you niggers". I believe in free speech, but those kind of comments border on verbally abusive hate speech.

If that article wasn't enough to get my day started off, on the inside was an article about a 44 year old Two Rivers man who was just sentenced to 60 days on a reduced charge of battery. He had bit his mother on the arm hard enough to leave marks and draw blood. Bad enough, but the goof has AIDS and has known it for 10 years. When asked whether he worried about infecting her with HIV, he commented, "She's old [64] and it would take 20 years before she would feel the effects."

How's that for compassion? I don't know all the circumstances, or if he has AIDS-related dementia, but his Mom probably took him in to help care for him and he pulls that.

Kim and I have got to get the Christmas cards mailed out this week, and finish decorating the house. After his family left, this past week we didn't do a damn thing except relax. It was kind of nice to have the break, and I'm now looking forward to, instead of dreading, the usual holiday rituals. His family got their Christmas presents when they were here, now we have to shop for friends and my family.

Then, there are the cookies to bake. We *always* make too many. After handing out "care packages" to our friends, come late January, we'll discover a half-filled tin of tired-looking dried-out cookies that will have to be fed to the birds.

In between, there are plenty of social obligations to fit in and events to attend. Every year I swear we try to attend at least one holiday themed performance, but time just seems to slip by as quickly as a snowflake in an Alberta Clipper.

We haven't decided what we are doing for Christmas Day dinner. For once, there are several options, all of them enjoyable and meaningful whether Martha Stewart approved or not. Then there is our traditional Holiday house party the week between



Christmas and New Years to prepare for, but that's not a chore, it's a delightful break amidst the madness.

Take it as it comes, that's my new attitude. That's a pretty difficult thing for me to do. As a double Virgo, I've always liked things orderly and planned, but now I'm giving myself a little more leeway. I'm still a fanatic about lists, but I'm not sure whether that is the Virgo in me or a way to reign in my meandering memory!

So far, this has been a very unique Holiday season for me. For the 12 years I had the magazine, there was always the pressure of the Big Four Week Holiday Issue to worry about, and since then, my health or circumstances haven't always been the best. I'm looking forward to wallowing in the spirit of the season and sharing it with those around me.

Whether you're out shopping, standing in lines, running the obstacle course at the malls, wrapping the packages, or whatever, do it with a Smile on your face. Perhaps you'll enjoy the facial exercise so much you'll continue it the rest of the year!

Letters

PIP Printing Sponsoring Rabid Homophobia

Dear Editor:

PIP Printing has been underwriting a lot of programming on local religious radio station WVCY, according to announcements made on that station.

PIP sponsored programming includes vitriolic and inaccurate anti-gay homophobia of the worst kind. For example, PIP was announced as underwriter of the December 1 "Crosstalk" program. That edition of Vic Eliason's talk show was devoted to the Paducah school shooting. Eliason's guest, a religious journalist from the Kansas City area, kept bringing homosexuality into the discussion, thus in effect smearing gays with some degree of alleged responsibility for the tragedy.

The WVCY announcer says PIP Printing has three stores in the area, but four stores are listed in the current edition of Milwaukee's telephone White Pages.

Your readers should be aware

that PIP Printing is funding rabid anti-gay propaganda on WVCY, and should consider whether they want their printing business to pay for homophobia.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

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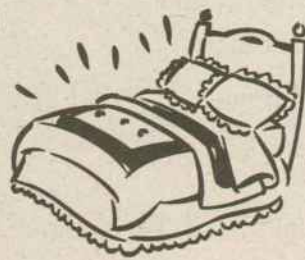
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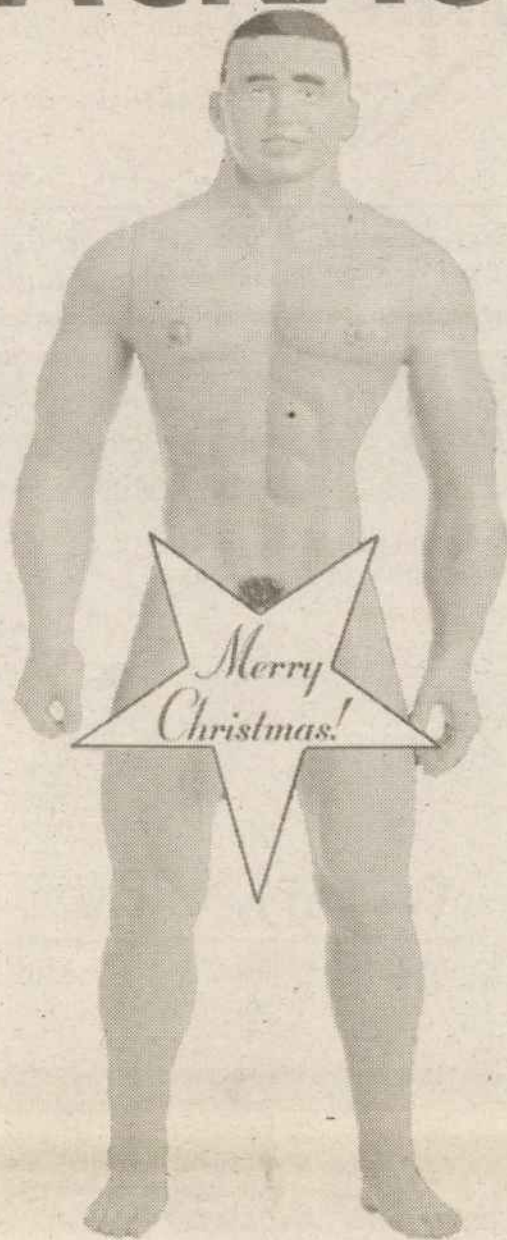


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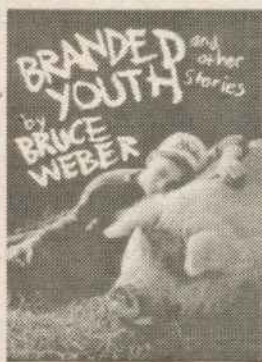


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Gearing Up for Congressional Races That Could Shatter Glass Ceiling

Analysis by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Nineteen-ninety-two politically was declared the "year of the woman" after unprecedented numbers of female candidates all over the country ran for — and won — elected offices, most conspicuously in the U.S. Congress. But while 1992 may have been a benchmark in American politics for women, the gains of that year didn't take place in a vacuum and women had been slowly making electoral gains for years before the impressive wins in congressional races five years ago.

While few observers are willing to actually predict it, the country is now in a similar setting for what could turn out in 1998 to be the "year of the lesbian."

Lesbians and gay men have made bids for congressional seats before, of course, but political forces have never quite worked adequately in their favor. And even though

saying, the first lesbian) to hold the office of Speaker pro tem of the Assembly.

This November, lesbians also won important races not only in cities like New York and San Francisco, but also broke barriers in places where gays and lesbians have never won victories before. Mary Wiseman won a seat on the Dayton City Commission to become the first openly gay person elected in Ohio; and Cathy Woolard won a runoff race for a seat on the Atlanta City Council against an incumbent who had held the office for the past 20 years, making Woolard also the first openly gay elected official in the state of Georgia.

Another factor that may help Kehoe, Baldwin and Cammermeyer in their bids to be the first to storm the halls of Congress is the lean and hungry look of the national Democratic Party. After its narrow loss of both the House and Senate to Republicans, Democrats are virtually salivating to win seats in places where they think they have reasonably good chances — including the congressional races in Wisconsin,

With years of serving on city councils, county boards, and in state legislatures around the country, there is no longer much question among most Americans about either the electability or competence of gays and lesbians in public office.

there have been four openly gay members of Congress, they have each been elected before they either came out or were outed involuntarily. So far, a political glass ceiling that gays and lesbian still face is an openly gay or lesbian candidate winning election after being out already.

And that is exactly what some think the coming year could hold. Christine Kehoe, a Democratic city councilwoman in San Diego, is running for the congressional seat now held by two-term Republican Brian Bilbray. Wisconsin's own Tammy Baldwin, also a Democrat, is a candidate to fill the seat left vacant by retiring Rep. Scott Klug, a Republican. And retired Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer in Washington state, has declared her candidacy against two-term Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Jack Metcalf.

Electoral Pluses

Some of the general factors that rights advocates cite for their optimism about the 1998 elections include the slow, steady gains gay and lesbian candidates have made over the years around the country. And lesbians in particular have been moving increasingly to the forefront of political office in the past few years.

After years of unsuccessfully trying to elect an openly gay person, two lesbians recently won seats in the California state Assembly, Carole Migden from San Francisco and Sheila Kuehl from Santa Monica. Kuehl in fact shattered another political glass ceiling when she became both the first woman (and it almost goes without

Washington and California.

Initially this works against Kehoe, Baldwin and Cammermeyer to some extent by bringing out a bevy of other Democrats also eager to capture the congressional seats themselves.

But it also means that if any — or all — of the three win their primary races, they can doubtless count on heavy support by local, state and national parties eager to retake control of Congress in the next few years.

Strong Candidates

Individually, each of the three women have their own strengths as well. Tammy Baldwin is arguably the "best bet" of the three. She's a veteran Wisconsin state representative, respected for her energy and resourcefulness as a lawmaker. Moving an experienced state legislator to the House of Representatives is often something voters feel most comfortable doing. And finally, winning a congressional seat that's being vacated is far easier generally than defeating an incumbent.

In San Diego, Christine Kehoe doesn't have as much elected experience as Baldwin, and making the leap from a city council to Capitol Hill can be problematic. And Kehoe is also facing a two-term incumbent, Rep. Brian Bilbray, a Republican, in a city with a penchant for electing moderate Republicans.

Much to her credit, Kehoe has nevertheless quickly gained a good deal of respect among her constituents and council colleagues for her hard work, almost boundless

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If you are creative enough, or have a firm grasp of the taste of the person you may have procrastinated on, you can still get a worthwhile gift.

For persons interested in art done in different medias, the Grava Gallery has a number of pieces that will appeal to those whose tastes veer towards paintings, drawings, and sculptures. Drawings or paintings can be displayed in a persons living room, kitchen, or above the bed on one's bedroom, and several drawings by Madison-based artist Sally Gauger Jensen might do the trick. According to Grava owner Mike Wavra, Jensen primarily draws different areas of Milwaukee — slices of neighborhood life — but in such accurate detail that it can move even the most stubborn appreciator of art. One noteworthy drawing by Jensen is her perspective drawing of Glorioso's, the neighborhood grocery also located on Brady street. Done in prisma colored pencils, its a drawing of the store when it has its fresh produce displayed on the sidewalk. The details of the drawing, from the red awning that hangs over the store, to the various fruits and vegetables that are displayed for passing onlookers is so accurate a person would almost think that they are actually standing in front of the store. It the perfect sort of the gift to give to a person when the doldrums of winter strikes after the emotional high of the holiday season. Its the perfect sort of last minute gift item for someone who is lacking wall hanging that is definite conversation starter.

Instead of going to Crate and Barrel or Pier One for home accessories, you might want to consider some of the eclectic pieces done by Amy Weh. Weh work is based on the french art of pique-assiette, which is when plates and china are broken and reassembled on terra cotta pots, frames and pieces of furniture. Melted glass, known as dragon's tears, are also used to dress up the different pieces.

One item is a medium sized pottery mirror, that is decorated with bits of blue and olive green pottery shards. A smaller mirror is designed with pieces of violet and pale blue china shards, complemented with three small sculpted roses on the top portion of the mirror's border.

Candles in decorative containers might be smart gift for those who sick of the typical 40 watt bulb, or the airport intensity brightness of a halogen lamp. Terra cotta candle holders, decorated with china pieces and dragon's tears houses beeswax candles. Because beeswax burns completely, the empty container can then be used for planters for the plants that has outgrown its current pot.

Tissue box containers, stationary boxes, and picture frames are other gifts a person might want to consider as possible coffee table ideas. A picture frame with pieces of patterned blue china in a stone colored frame or a smaller frame with pieces of red varicolored pottery and dragon's tears are good room decoration gifts. And a stationary box or recipe box container done in antique tiles are subtle pieces that will delight anyone's sense of aesthetics.

Decorating one's wall or warming the bed is incentive for giving a quilt done by Cherie St. Cyr. If a person lies abstract patterns, giving a quilt done in St. Cyr's abstract pattern makes an ideal gift. St. Cyr does bed-sized quilts, and smaller pieces that are more appropriate to hang upon the wall or can be sued to decorate a chair or sofa. Some of the quilts are manufactured, while others are meticulously handstitched by St. Cyr's cousin.

"Another Log", one of the smaller quilts present at Grava Gallery, is done in an abstract design of various hues of brown. Multicolored patterns on a blue background is the basis for "Blue Thong", while the Matisse-type design is the inspiration for "Blue Rose Face."

"Sea Time" is the gorgeous bed size quilt done in a varicolored design on a black background. The colors used are bright without being an eye sore, and is an ideal present for someone who wants to add a splash of color to their bed or futon.

Sculptures or pottery is another last minute gift that shows that you put an effort, if not the time, in finding

an appropriate gift. Two pieces at the Grava by Brian Petersen are worth considering as gifts. "Synchronicity" is an abstract piece of metal fused together, and "Determination" is a really cool sculpture of a white glove gripping the top of a bed post. Both pieces, and other by Petersen, are constructed of found materials and welded steel, and is great to give to those interested in post-modern artwork. For ceramics, bowls done by Joan Von Temple are also interesting. Pieces by Von Temple are done in clay, and one really interesting piece at Grava is painted and glazed to look as if is entirely composed and constructed from metal.

For a person wanting to get an original piece of jewelry for that special person or close friend, you definitely want to consider Out of Solitude jewelry, which is also located on Brady Street. Owner and ring designer Charles Bahringer works closely with customers to make sure he or she can get the sort of ring that will make Christmas a memorable experience.

Bahringer has several designs on display that can be recast to fit the person's ring size, or he will work closely with a person who may want to come up with a design on their own.

As a present, a person may get a ring designed to fit an engagement

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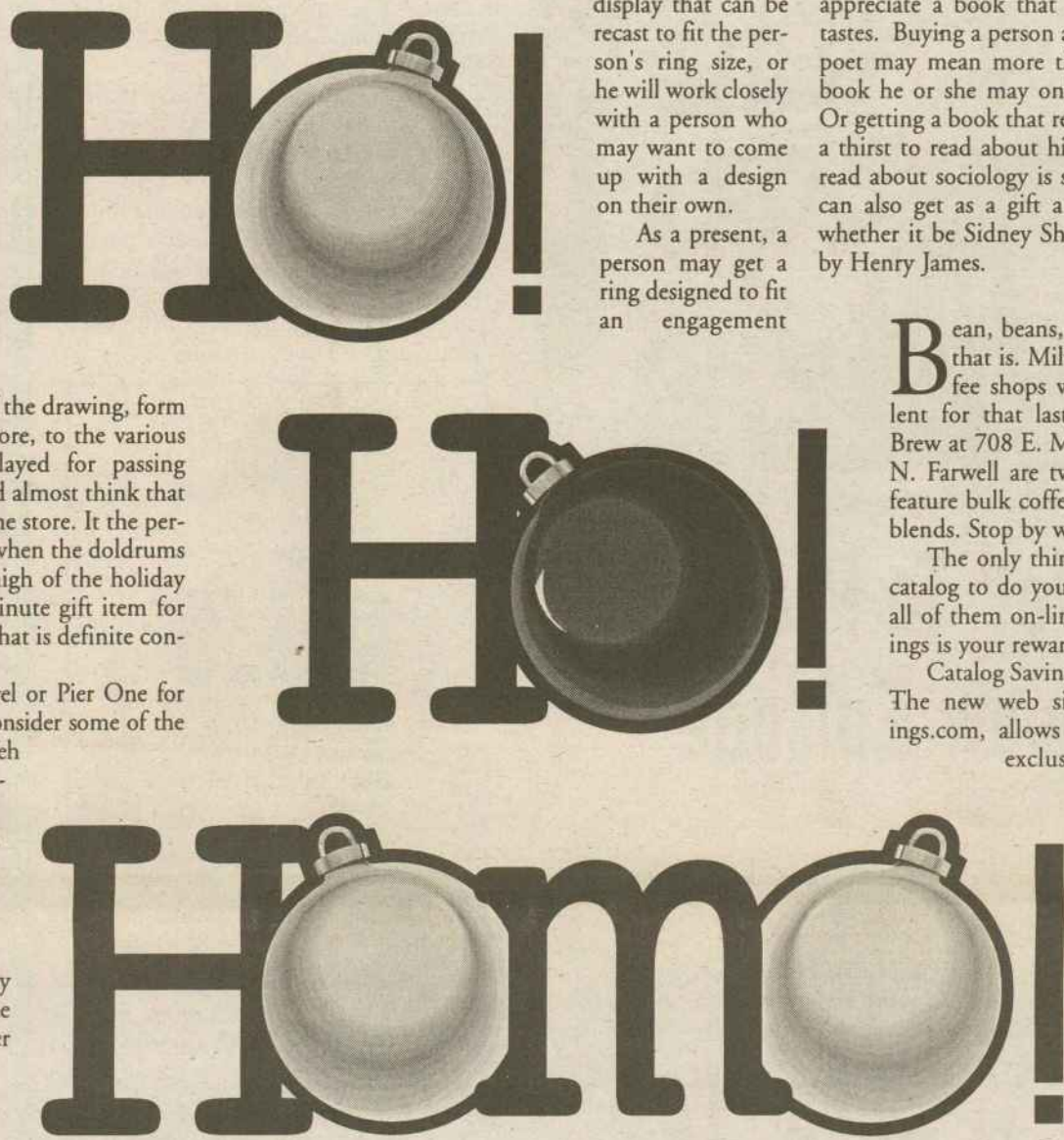
advantage of the savings certificates immediately.

The web site allows shoppers three convenient ways to search: by catalogname, product category or even product description. If you

are looking for a specific product, simply type in the product name (i.e. hats) and the site lists all the available catalogs that carry it or related products.

This is the perfect solution for the busy person who can't spend all day at the mall. The long list of catalogs ranges from such staples as The Sharper Image, Lerner's New York, Jackson & Perkins, Domestications, Discovery Channel, Tweeds and Omaha Steaks to small-but-popular names like Craft King, Worldwide Games, Wine Enthusiast, The Healthy Back Store,

Whatever the last minute gift idea is, the price or name brand associated with gift is not important. Creativity, thoughtfulness, and the act of actually getting the gift is what rates high in most people's minds. So as most people head out to the stores a few days before Christmas to find that last present, its always good to remember that the gift you buy will be viewed as how much you time you spent in thinking about what the person you shopped for. So happy shopping and good luck.



Last Minute Holiday Gifts & More!

Part 2 of 2 • by Joe Mays

stone or birthstone. Or a symbol incorporated into the ring to signify a something significant about the relationship is another idea. For example, having the infinity symbol, the figure eight turned on its side, to represent eternal friendship or love is an idea a person might want to consider.

Out of Solitude also carries other pieces designed by artists. Jewelry from Shannon Segedy's "Tall Poppies" collection features pieces made from sterling silver, hand wrapped wire and different stones. Steven Battelle, an artist based in California, does abstract jewelry pieces with semi-precious stones and sterling silver.

Bracelets, done in fourteen karat, white gold, or platinum is another good gift idea for the person who likes jewelry. Pieces done in lower end silver or solid sterling silver is another consideration.

For people who may not like jewelry, but likes to adorn their bodies with scents or sapos, heading over to one of the several body and body places in the city is worthwhile. Aveda, The Body Shop, H20, Garden Botanika, or The Bath and Body Works have soaps, bubble baths and colognes and eau de toilettes that are gifts for people who may like to pamper their bodies. Buying a gift basket, or designing your own is an original Christmas gifts. A gift basket with a bath and shower gel, body moisturizer, a cleansing or moister mask and a loofa sponge is a smart idea. Or getting a pottery bowl and filling it with bath beads is another way to surprise someone.

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A scene from "On the Town" featuring Jesse Tyler Ferguson (left) and Leo Delaria. Delaria is interviewed on "In The Life."

"In The Life" To Present Year-In-Review Episode

New York, NY — The December/January episode of *In The Life* looks back at 1997, the "year that was" for gay men and lesbians in America. Whether touring through the living room of media splash Ellen DeGeneres, or along the streets of South Beach, Florida in search of a "homicidal homosexual,"

America has been treated — or subjected to a roller-coaster-ride of gay images. The program will look at issues that hit the front burner in '97 from stories about sex and AIDS in the '90's to the fast-growing Promise Keepers movement.

The episode also journeys back to the Oscar Wilde trials of 1895 and the perse-

cution in Nazi Germany, as gay history was used to illuminate the present. This year-in-review episode examines the very different pictures of the gay community that caught the public's eye in 1997. The episode will air on WI Public TV on Friday, January 2 at 11 p.m. on channels WPNE/38 Green Bay; WHA/21 Madison; WHWC/28 Menomonie; WHRM/20 Wassau; and WHLA/31 in La Crosse. The program will air in Milwaukee on Channel 10 WMVS on Wednesday, January 7 at 11 p.m.

Included are the following stories: "AIDS and Sex I 1997" (Lead Story); "A Day in the Life of Dr. Kate O'Hanlan" a leading expert in the field of Gynecological Oncology at Stamford Medical Center; "1997 Theater Year-In Review" outlines a century of society's treatment of homosexuals, both on-stage and off; Documenting Gay History—"Not Straight From Germany" looks at

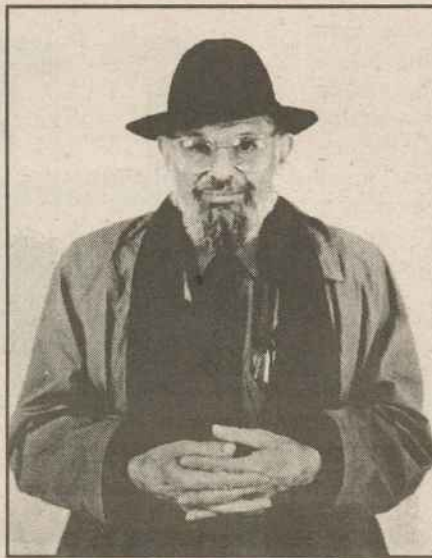
examines the connections between the conservative right and the growing Promise Keepers movement; "The 1997 Year In Media" looks at good news and bad — Ellen DeGeneres and Andrew Cunanan; "A Tribute" ends the episode with a tribute to two men who passed away in 1997 and were role models for many in the gay community: poet Allen Ginsburgh and gay activist Tom Stoppard.

In The Life is produced by In The Life Media Inc., a not-for-profit, member supported organization, and is presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York. A complete list of air-dates can be found on the Internet at <http://inthelife.org>.

Boulevard Ensemble Finds "Peanut" For The Holidays

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble announces the second production of its 1997-'98 season. Donald Margulies' charming and incisive comedy *Found A Peanut* will run at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S Kinnickinnic Ave. starting Friday, December 19, followed by a champagne reception. There will be no performances on December 24, 25 or 26. After the Wednesday, December 31 show there will be a special New Year's Eve celebration. The production will continue through Sunday, January 18, 1998.

Margulies has created a touching and unflinching portrait of the "mythic and universal" experience of childhood. All of the roles — kids ages 5 through 14 — will



A tribute to late poet Alan Ginsberg is featured on "In The Life"

three ways lesbian and gay history was explored in 1997, all of which had a connection to Germany; "In The Line of Fire"

Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror

New York, NY — "I'm an alcoholic ... I'm a drug addict ... I'm a homosexual ... I'm a genius." That's how Truman Capote, the famous writer once summed up his life. Brutally honest, outrageously witty and openly homosexual, Capote had a style all his own. A style that made him an American icon.

A&E Network presents a premier *Biography* that tells his story as candidly as he might have himself. *Biography: Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror* makes its World Premier on A&E Network on Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. CST.

Biography is followed by the new *American Justice: Murder "In Cold Blood,"* which tells the whole frightening story of the notorious massacre, complete with new interviews with the investigators, journalists and attorneys involved in the case—and the actual audio confession by Richard Hickcock.

George Plimpton, whose current book about Capote has made headlines with revelations about the writer's alleged romantic relationship with one of the *In Cold Blood* murderers, is among the friends — and ex-friends — who relate their favorite and most insightful memories on *Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror*.

Also interviewed are attorney Alan Schwartz, Liz Smith, C.Z. Guest, Joanne Carson, Katherine Graham, and many others. Columnist Liz Smith says, "I was once at his house, and he brought out a big bowl of white powder, a big bowl—like a serving bowl — and said 'Guess what this is?' And then ... he took it away. He was an exhibitionist and presiding at his own dissolution."

Capote was more than a respected author, he became the darling of the social elite and a wildly popular celebrity who appeared on all the television talk shows. He lived a jet-set life; he proudly counted among his friends high-society paragons Babe and Bill Paley, Lee Radzwill, and Katherine Graham.

That all changed in 1975, when *Esquire* published selections from the unfinished Capote novel *Answered Prayers* — a personal memoir that skewered many of his rich and famous cohorts. Most of them never forgave him. Abandoned yet again, Capote died a sad and lonely man in 1984.

American Justice: Murder "In Cold Blood"

The World Premier, Wednesday, December 17 at 8 p.m. CST. following *Biography: Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror* is about the Clutter family who were killed by Richard Hickcock and Perry Smith, ex-convicts who had planned the murders in prison. Such senseless brutality was then rare in America, and Truman Capote's "nonfictional novel" created a new genre in literature and journalism —

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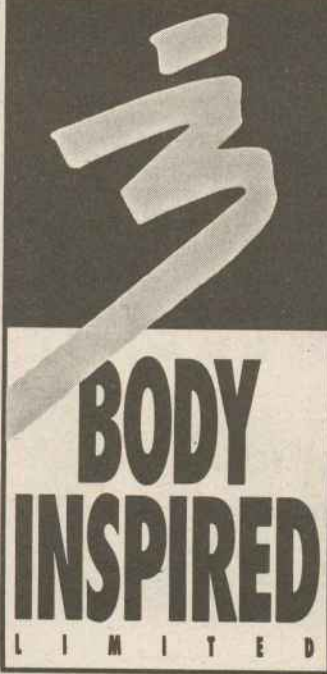
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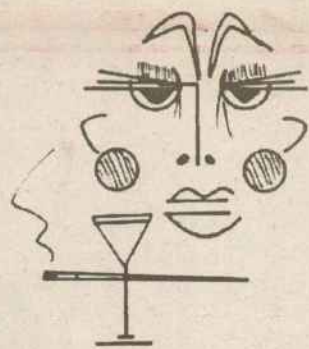
"Holiday Punch" Moves To Centennial Hall

Milwaukee — Each time Dale Gutzman has considered abandoning his music and comedy review, *Holiday Punch* in favor of some new holiday show, hundreds of angry letters have arrived from audience members who wish to keep Milwaukee's oldest Christmas Tradition alive and kicking. It's the Punch in *Holiday Punch* that keeps them coming back for more.

The idea for the review began at the Skylight Theater when Gutzman was asked to come up with an "untraditional" holiday tradition. The show has moved with Gutzman over the years to Theater Alverno, various restaurants and night spots, Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center, and now will take place at its new home Centennial Hall (in the Milwaukee Public Library, 733 North 8th Street).

Life's a Drag

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Holiday Punch 97 subtitled "An Old Fashioned Holiday Punch" contains good examples of the kind of material that has kept audiences roaring with laughter year after year. It's a review that celebrates the hype and hypertension of the season, and casts a look back at the insanity of the previous year ... tongue planted firmly in cheek! Featured in the cast are Karl Miller; Clint and Ruth Peterson; Mary Henriksen; David Caldwell; and of course Dale Gutzman.

The review will open on Friday, December 19 at 8 p.m., and will repeat on Sunday, December 21 at 2 p.m., and Saturday, December 27 at 8 pm. Tickets for these performances are \$15. There will be two shows on Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.. Tickets for these two events are \$20. For more information call (414) 466-4049.

Woodland Pattern's 18th Annual Open House

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern Book Center is pleased to announce the 18th Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 14 from noon to 5 p.m. Participants and instructors from Woodland Pattern's Workshop Program will present readings of poems, stories, and works in progress. Some of the workshops represented will be *Weekly Writer's Workout*, *Writing the Short Short* and *A Sense of Place in Fiction Writing*. Readings will begin at 1 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Woodland Patterns will also be offering 20% discounts off of everything

(excluding fine print, special orders, gift certificates, off-site sales, and other discounts) during the open house. The will offer 20% off all fiction from December 15 through December 31. For more information call (414) 263-5001.

Anonymous 4 Performs "Legends of St. Nicholas"

Chicago — The inspirational Anonymous 4 returns to Chicago for its only area appearance on Friday, December 12 at 8 p.m. at The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago (126 E. Chestnut St., with a front entrance located on N. Michigan Ave., at Delaware Place), in a special event cooperatively produced by The Fourth Presbyterian Church, the University of Chicago's Professional Concert Series and Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

The program *Legends of St. Nicholas* features chant and polyphony by various liturgical composers from the 11th through the 15th centuries, with stories about the saint who became Father Christmas. As Anonymous 4 member Susan Hellauer points out in her notes on the program, St. Nicholas' life is indeed based entirely on legend. "...although the miraculous exploits to his credit are numerous, not a single contemporary account bears witness to them, or even to Nicholas' existence." In fact, the earliest written accounts of his life date from about 500 years after his death.

Advance tickets for the concert are \$15 (\$7 for students). At the door, tickets will be \$18 (\$8 for students). Students must show a valid photo ID. For more information and tickets, call the Professional Concert Office at (773) 702-8068.

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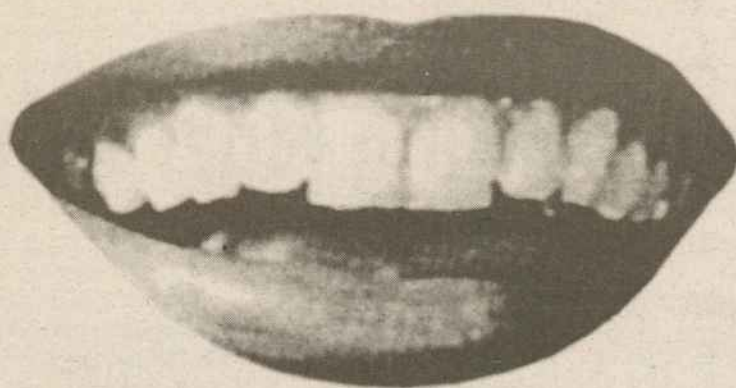
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movies

Bent: Fighting Nazi's Then and Now

by Dale Reynolds
Special to In Step

There is no shortage of irony in the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) giving a potentially crippling NC-17 rating to the new gay film, "Bent" (screenplay by Martin Sherman; direction by Sean Mathias), with the greatest irony lying in what is a clever and subtle form of censorship over a film about Nazi persecution of homosexuals.

America is in the middle (since 1990) of one of its periodical rightist swings in which the arts are the first to be attacked (well, after labor unions, that is): the Helms/Robertson offensive against the National Endowment for the Arts; the over-blown flap in regard to photographic artists Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano; the de-funding of the NEA-4 (Tim Miller, Holly Hughes, John Fleck, Karen Findley); and the MPAA's insistence that Hollywood can protect itself from political attacks by co-opting governmental censorship and censoring/monitoring itself.

Okay, the MPAA insists that it doesn't censor; it only makes "suggestions" for cuts by denying producers more favorable ratings. For instance, when "family" newspapers refuse to take advertisements from films which are either un-rated or have been given the tightest of the ratings, NC-17 (not suitable for children under eighteen years of age), potential harm can come from the cutting off of the art-form from paying audiences.

Such is the plight of the British film, "Bent," based on Sherman's award-winning play from the late '70s, which so took London and Broadway by storm. That it's taken almost twenty years to get it up on the screen-and in so intelligent and moving a fashion-is a testimonial to the artisans' audacity, talent, and courage.

MGM owns the U.S. rights and professes itself to be un-worried about any financial backlash. Gerry Rich, MGM's President of Worldwide Marketing, feels the once-feared rating is no longer an impediment to selling a movie in today's climate: "Bent" is a very artistic film and as such it will attract an audience who aren't swayed by the negative opinions of others. The exhibitors understand the implications of the rating-it's a film for an adult audience and no one else."

The MPAA, which won't allow anyone to speak for it other than its president, Jack Valenti, who wasn't available for explanations, gave it the more difficult rating for only one reason: that it was "inappropriate" (their word) for children. The scene in question is certainly debatable, the "orgy" (my word) scene at the top of the film in which men are quite decidedly getting it on with other men, but without the usual rationale for censorship: no erections and no frontal nudity, just passionate love-making by (presumably) strangers in a Berlin nightclub.

The spokesperson for the MPAA (who demanded anonymity) stated categorically that the association never explains its reasoning and leaves it up to the film-makers to decide what to cut-a maddening form of brinkmanship for the producers, guaranteed to anger the recipients of the dreaded rating (only two movies were so designated in 1996, and the hilarious "Showgirls" — also distributed by MGM — was one of them) for its callous disregard for artistic intent. However, the spokesperson went on to explain, "it isn't our job to infringe on the creative process, just to advise parents."

Whatever the rationale, the film is worth adult reaction, even though it is certainly a judgement call on the part of parents or guardians as to whether or not their children should see it.

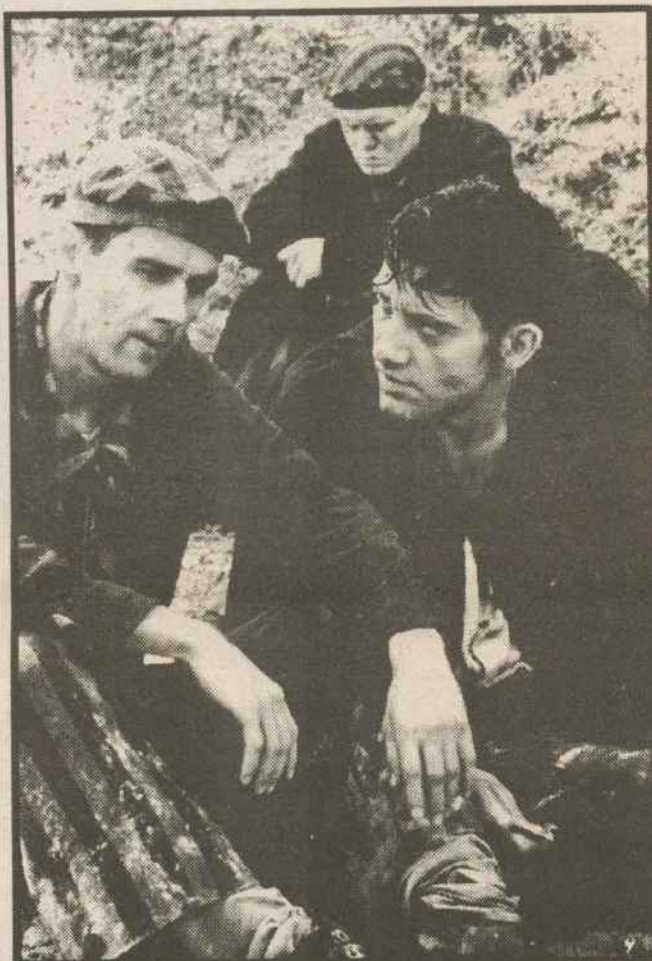
Director Sean Mathias, 41, had come to Sherman's script quite early in its life: the producers at the Royal Court offered his new boyfriend at the time, Ian McKellen, the leading role in 1979. McKellen gave it to his new lover (they broke up after nine years but are strong friends and colleagues) and asked his opinion on it.

Naturally, Mathias, who was just beginning a career as a playwright at the time, held it in some esteem, and McKellen went on to help make it a hit for everyone involved. During the 10th anniversary of "Bent," it was

again produced as a fund-raiser for AIDS and gay causes, once again starring McKellen, this time directed by Mathias.

"What had been avant-garde in 1980 was suddenly normal a decade later. I believe it has been successful with gay and liberal audiences because it taps into a generalized fear of oppression and unfair imprisonment. Max and Horst do their best through their hidden emotions and spirit to overcome the imprisonment."

Britain's Channel Four Films helped put together the under US\$4M budget and shot it entirely in England and Scotland. The plot is reasonably simple: Max (Clive Owen) and Rudy (Brian Webber) are unhappy lovers who work at a drag bar run by bi-sexual Greta (Mick Jagger) at a time when Adolph Hitler is firmly ensconced in power. They have the unfortunate luck to trick with a



Lothaire Bluteau (left) and Clive Owen (Right star in "Bent").

member of the SA on the Night of the Long Knives, where the SS butchered its rivals in the SA, many of them gay. After the fellow is executed they flee to the forests outside of Berlin, hoping that Max's closeted gay uncle (Sir Ian McKellen) can get them the necessary forged papers. All is lost when they are captured, and the events unfold inexorably, including Rudy's murder and Max's incarceration in a notorious death camp where he meets Horst (Quebecois-born Lothaire Bluteau), who teaches him valuable lessons in survival and love. There's no two-ways-about-it, this is a daunting and horrific journey.

But considering how many people don't know that the Nazi's persecuted their homosexual populations, the film is invaluable as a history lesson. For director Mathias, the MPAA rating is very unsettling: "I fear how it will [influence] the censorship boards in the U.K., although it won't have impact on any other country in Europe." In the Western world, America has the most trouble with the concepts of sexuality, especially same-gender coupling. Critical circumstances which force an NC-17 in gay films is often ignored in non-gay films-i.e. Patricia Rosema's lovely and lyrical 1995 lesbian love-story, "When Night Is Falling," was rated NC-17 in spite of the fact that the heterosexual love-making was no less graphic in it than the lesbian-love-making, but the MPAA only cited the later in its decision.

Another remarkable deviation from their standards was the R rating given the recent "Boogie Nights", about heterosexual pornography and its exposed 13-inch (prosthetic) penis Mark Wahlburg flashes on-camera. The rating board has consistently and clearly sided with anti-gay forces when its awards these unequal ratings, reflecting popular prejudice against gays, especially the discomfort

with same-gender sexuality.

Irrespective of ratings, emotional discomfort, and would-be censors, however, is the fact that the Sherman/Mathias film is powerful emotional stuff: graphic, unhappy, reflecting a history that even the refurbished prison-camp/museums in today's Germany and Poland are uncomfortable discussing. Jews, Gypsies, Communists and other political prisoners, are readily acknowledged as former prisoners and victims, but it still takes an enterprising visitor indeed to get them to discuss gay captives. Estimates range from 50,000 to 250,000 men who were arrested for being gay, then tortured and murdered in the camps.

In "Bent," there is no skimping on the horror of what these men endured, including descriptions (mostly not shown) of brutality and prisoners' inhumanity to each other. The sexual situations and nudity shown are not inconsistent with many other gay films today, so for most adults-gay, bi, or otherwise-as unpleasant as the situations shown are, they aren't unendurable.

Even the problematic second-act of the play, which takes place entirely in the quarry of the prison, where Max and Horst's main act is hauling rocks from one side of the stage to the other, has been given a surreal look in the north-of-London quarries they shot them in. Director Mathias sees the film as a style which breaks ground by starting out as a Boulevard comedy, with its nudity and gay wit, and which then leads to Samuel Beckett terrain, "as in 'Waiting For Godot,' perhaps; something both real and abstract. In my revival production, I meant it to be a metaphor for the AIDS crisis, [for] tolerance in the face of the disease, as well as a cry for loving one another in order to move forward."

One of the potentially off-putting sections of the film is the concentration camp sequence in the second half of the long film, shot in Hartfordshire. There is very much a surreal feel to the setting and action with the rocks, where the two men endlessly, in heat and cold, carry them from one end of the quarry to the other, something writer Sherman insists he did not invent: "in my research I found evidence that just such work was assigned to troublesome prisoners in order to drive them crazy by repetitive and meaningless actions. Once the two men understand that, they're able to fight them at their own game."

One of the ways is the famous lovemaking scene between Max and Horst where each is driven to climax by just talk; no nudity, touching, or kissing. It's a frankly erotic scene that works for hets and homos alike. Mathias was very much aware of budget restraints, which influenced, naturally, his way of shooting: "I had very early on thought it would be ridiculous to make the film realistically; having to recreate everything would have been prohibitively expensive, and there was no way I could compete with "Shindler's List." So, I made it a surrealistic landscape in a relationship utterly banal and profound at the same time. I think the claustrophobia is very moving. I want the audience to relate to themselves that prison makes you lose something inside-one's very being, not just the bars outside. I needed it to be uncomfortable to watch. I guess I could have made a more modified film, but I wanted to be true to the power of the piece."

That American censors are so frightened of the impact gay sexuality will have on its young is made a mockery of by the fact that "Bent" won the Prix de Jeunesse award at this year's Cannes Film Festival-an award given by under-20-year-olds from all over Europe. As writer Sherman asserts, "it's obscene that kids can go see any violent film they wish, but not loving ones. Apparently with "Ellen," [on TV] they're allowing her a girlfriend, but not in the bedroom: we've managed to get them to accept us as people, but not as lovers." Certainly it is hoped gay and non-gay liberals and those concerned with human rights, will be able to see it. But with the NC-17 rating, the opportunity for all Americans to see this fine film-especially those outside of the larger cities-will be diminished, including video distribution, and somehow that's UnAmerican.

"Bent" opens in limited release on December 19 in New York and Los Angeles. Wisconsin screenings have yet to be scheduled.



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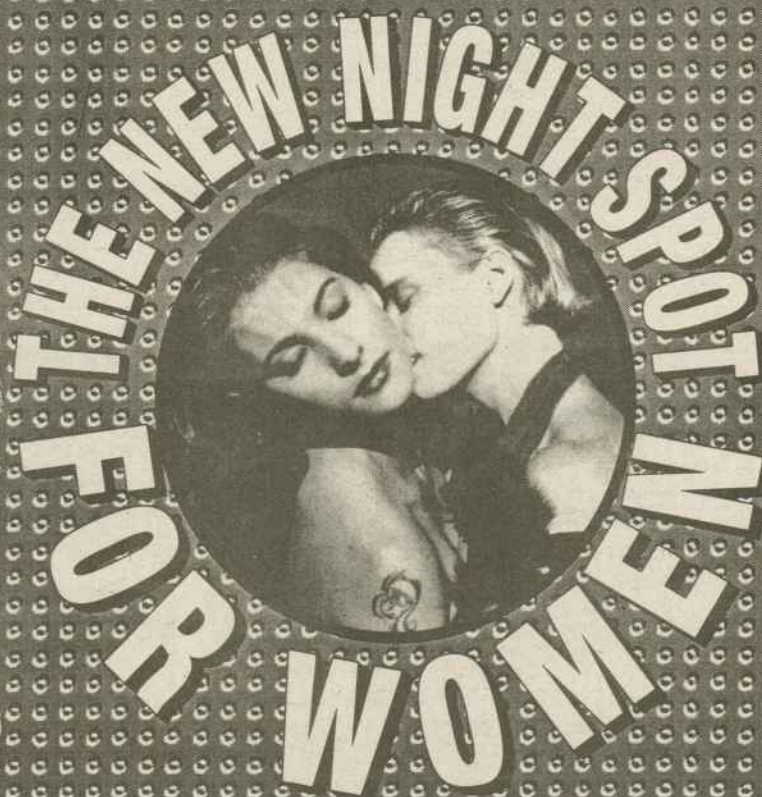
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Saturday, December 13

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GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): Play at U.W. Engelmann Gym From 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Saturday. Bring gym shoes & \$2 to help defray costs. Also on 12/20. FMI (414) 264-9180.

GAMMA - Cross-Country Skiing (Milwaukee): Meet at Lopham State Park at 11 a.m. (weather permitting). Lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant. Bring your own skis or rent some. Park entrance & trail maintenance fee required. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Tuesday, December 16

GAMMA - Sheephead (Milwaukee): Play this popular Milwaukee area card game at 7:30 p.m. Several tables play. FMI call (414) 294-9180.

Bar Specials:

Sundays:

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$3.75 pitchers all night! Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 P.M. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, 50¢ Tappers. \$5.50 Beer Bust. 9 p.m. to close. Free Hot Dogs & Nachos served all day!

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 219 Girls! Don't miss Wisconsin's Premier Drag Show.

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Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! 6 to 10 p.m. \$1 rail drinks!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Bloody Marys \$2. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): 5 P.M. - close. Women's Night 2-4-1 Taps, Miller bottle, and Rail.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Customer Appreciation Night. LaCage Showcase, Super Bust, DJ & Dance. No cover.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join M&M on Packer Sundays for brunch. Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): Any domestic bottled beer \$2. Any shot \$3 or less is \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill hours 4 to 8 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. \$5 for Miller Lite. After 8 p.m. all taps are 50¢ off. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Red Corvette (Milwaukee): Gay night! Male strippers.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Beer Bust (tap beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to close. Half off rail drinks and domestic beer when you "Take It Off" for Spike (shirts only, guys!).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys & Mimosas - \$2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, tap beer 80¢ (until 6 p.m.) \$1.75 rail drinks - 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1 Bloody Marys!

Triangle (Milwaukee): Show Biz Sundays. \$6 Long Island Pitchers!

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! All Budweiser products are \$1.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer appreciation Club. Monday Night Football. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Absolut Night! \$1.25.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1, 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues sign up now.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 8 p.m. to midnight.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Watch "Melrose Place" from 7 to 8 p.m. Margaritas \$2. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Closed.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): All rails and domestic bottles of beer \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble! 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. Domestic bottles of beer, taps of Miller Lite & rail drinks \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢) \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails - 3 to 8 p.m. (tickets good until 9 p.m.).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 75¢ tappers!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.25, rail drinks \$1.75. 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Monday. \$1.50 Doctors, 75¢ tappers.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! Vodka Special all night! Vodka Drinks \$1.

Cell Block (Chicago): XXX Tuesdays - DV8 - \$2 Stolichnaya, pints of Goose Island. Free pool/darts.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks 7 to close. \$5.50 Beer Bust!

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1, 5 to 7 p.m. Tattoo Tuesdays! A free drink w/ every tattoo.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust 8 to midnight!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Competitive Karaoke with Mark & Sammie. Free & anonymous HIV testing & counseling sponsored by Lake County Health Dept. \$2 well drinks.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Pull-tabs on all drinks. Full-price/half-price/25 cents.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1 7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Draw for a Dream Trip! 8 winners nightly. Grand Prize drawing every 90 days. Next drawing: Trip for 2 to San Francisco.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): Bottles of Miller Lite \$2. Any shot that's \$3 or less is \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off of every drink. All tap beers 50¢ off. Shots of Pucker \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Progressive Night! Starts 9 p.m. to close. \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half hour to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. Pull tabs to closing.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini pitchers \$2.50.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 top-shelf, \$1.75 rail drinks.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Rail pitchers \$6.

Wednesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! Leather/Western Night. Drink Specials and a Chance to Win \$100 Cash.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Show'n's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 rail drinks, 50¢ tappers 7 to 11 p.m. \$2.50 pitchers all night.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Strippers! Always the HOTTEST Men for your enjoyment.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Watch Ellen & Zena with us.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Ladies Night 8 p.m. to midnight 2-4-1!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): "Ellen" at 8:30 p.m. One of the hottest Gay Dance Parties. DJ Bange spins at 10 p.m. \$1 domestic bottled beer. Live DJ at 10 p.m.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Import Night. Half-price on import bottles of beer.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): All rail drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. All rail drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda /& juice 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Double Bubble all day. 2-4-1 cocktails open to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottles of beer, rail drinks and wine: \$1.50!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$4, or 80¢ glasses of beer.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ darts.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Super Bust! All you can drink (top, wine and soda).

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Cell Block (Chicago): \$2 Well, wine, domestic beer. Music videos from the 70s, 80s & 90s. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. T.L. Noble, DJ/VJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 longnecks. Pit

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Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Amy entertains!

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! \$2.50 Long Islands 8 p.m. to midnight.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): \$2 well drinks. DJ Bange at 10 p.m. No cover.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Men's Night. 2-4-1 all taps, Miller bottles and rail. Restaurant open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Super Bust. DJ & dancing 7 nights a week.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Double Bubble 5 to 7 p.m. Lunch from 11 a.m.

Mad Bar (Madison): Ex & Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Cuervo \$2.

Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off every drink. Bottles of Special Ex & Special Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Cuervo \$2: Shots of Tattoo \$1. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good 'till 9 p.m. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close.

Scandals (Madison): Happy hour! 9 p.m. to close. Live DJ, \$1.50 domestic beer, \$2 rail drinks.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers. \$2 Seven-Crown & Captains!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.75 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer/Wine/Well drinks \$1.50. DJ Jes One.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): ShowBiz Thursdays are back! Always a great mix of comedy, show tunes & more. \$6 rail bust!

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4:10 to 8:10 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Earl Pleasure DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): DK Jeff's party. 10 p.m. to close.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): After Work Cool Down! Mondays through Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. \$1.25 rail drinks.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): New & Improved Friday Night Dance Party. Everything's \$1.50—Shots, Absolut, Coronas. DJ Bange.

Just Us - Just Us Bust (Milwaukee): Beer \$7, rail drinks \$10, call drinks \$15. DJ Doug plays your requests all night! Fish Fry. 5-10 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): LaCage Showcase. Show starts at 11 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Fish Fry & other great specials.

Mad Bar (Madison): Rail whiskey drinks \$2. Shots of Jack Daniels \$2.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Fish Fry. Lunch from 11 a.m.

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Book Review

by Ed Grover

Here are some books that are all related to sex and relationships: How to do it, how to keep it fresh and exciting, one that's full of erotic short fantasies and lastly, one with some advice for straight women from a gay man—if you can believe that!

The Gay Kama Sutra by Colin Spencer

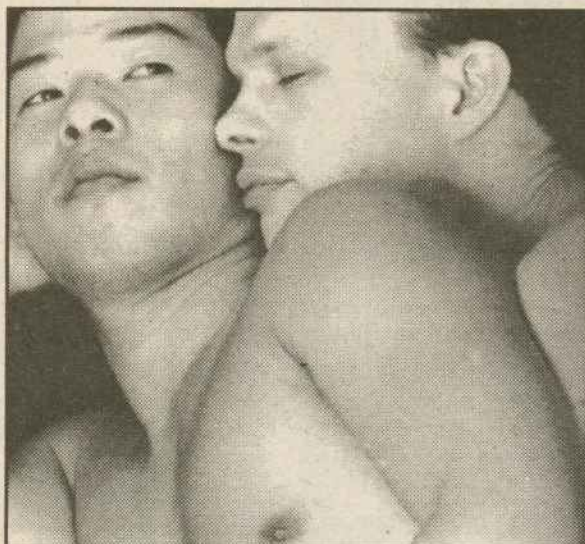
This is a beautiful book full of artwork, photography and reproductions of paintings and sculpture — if you can get past the explicit drawings. The original *Kama Sutra* was written in India in the second through the fourth centuries A.D., and was "originally intended to provide adolescents with a clear, uninhibited understanding of human sexuality, as well as rules for conducting themselves in society."

Spencer's *Gay Kama Sutra* has "faithfully adapted the timeless precepts of the original text into a celebration of the spiritual and sexual expression of homoeroticism." Chapter One tell us about The Art of Love. Chapter Two on Amorous Advances, covers everything from touching and caressing to various positions, penetration, *fellatio*, orgies, safe sex, jealousy, real quarrels and the suppression of those quarrels.

Chapter Three covers circumcision, early sexuality, masturbation, coming out, first loves, taking your lover home, persecution, the Bible and guilt, and information on transvestitism and transsexuals. Chapter Four is about Sexual Games and Risks: showering together, shaving, pornography, simultaneous orgasms, watersports, toys, dressing up, and S&M. It ends with Sexual Problems: Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Chapter Five covers tells us to recognize love, how to relax the lover and all about seduction. It also has information on coping with grief, how to manage alone, and what happens with changing partners.

The last chapter on Stimulants and Relaxants is a pharmacopoeia of everything from ambergris to chocolate, garlic, oysters, vanilla, and essential oils for enhancing the general health of the individual and those con-



coctions that can be given as sedatives. Even if you never make any of this stuff, this book is full of valuable advice and is just wonderful to look at. It certainly would be an interesting addition to your coffee table! (St. Martin's press, ISBN: 0-312-16753-9, \$24.95).

The Intimacy Dance by Betty Berzon, Ph. D.

This book is subtitled: "A Guide to Long-Term Success in Gay and Lesbian Relationships." Betty Berzon is a longtime psychotherapist and activist who also is the editor of *Positively Gay*. Berzon gives us undeviating advice on "building lasting same-sex partnerships. ... Her goal is to help people work things out—not bail out of a relationship because of fear of intimacy, loss of identity, or waning desire."

Her advice is covered in everything from chapters named "The Intimacy Dance — Its Perils and Rewards" to "Sex in the Long Term — Its Delights and Dilemmas" to "Stability, Continuity, Renewal, and the Joy of Never Having to Go Out on Another Date." There are stories

Literal Sex... and Other Stuff!

from her clients lives and the lessons she has learned from them and been allowed to pass on.

Publishers Weekly says, "This book shines in its extended recognition not only of homosexual relationships in general, but of *long-term* homosexual relationships." (Plume/Penguin Books, ISBN: 0-452-27747-7, \$12.95).

The Best American Erotica 1997 Edited by Susie Bright

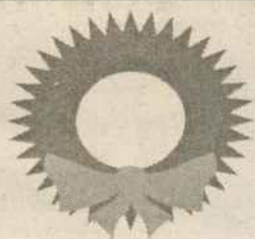
As usual Susie Bright brings us the best of erotic writing in a sampling of lesbian and bisexual (and some gay) stories. Some, if not all are very kinky and tell it like it is. In her introduction Bright says, "Since American erotic fiction is as much a rectal temperature reading of all American prose as anything else, it's not surprising that resurrection is the theme of this year's collection: the rebirth of sexual identity, the dedication to what makes sex so essential and rapturous to us in the first place.

Here, collected in one volume, you will find the writing of Isobel Bird, Allegra Long, M. Christian, Michael Lowenthal and others. Bright adds: "... and here's what the Easter Bunny didn't tell you:" This is a book to read on a cold lonely night, or even better yet, to read to someone. Touchstone pb/Simon & Schuster, ISBN 0-684-81823-X, \$12.00)

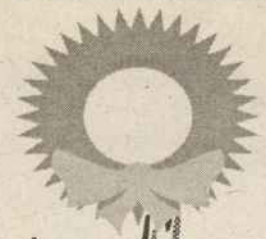
Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man by Dan Anderson and Maggie Berman

This was intended to be funny, I'm sure. But somehow it just doesn't make it with this reviewer. It's full of advice for a *straight woman* on everything from picking up a man, to various positions and manipulations to be used, including mutual masturbation, the effects of drugs and drinking, and what to wear. Jeez — and all of this from a gay male! Maybe we should pay some attention to this.

The book has a translucent plastic cover — sort of like a condom! It has some not very interesting drawings by a person named Lulu at the beginning of each chapter. I just can't say *less* about it. (Harper Collins, ISBN: 0-06-039232-0, \$16.00).



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 OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials & import beer specials. DJ/Dancing.
 Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.
 Station 2 (Milwaukee): Kamikaze Shots! \$1.50.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

Saturdays:

Cell Block (Chicago): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Nigh Riot til 3 a.m. Blackout in Holding Cell & Yard.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.
 Club 94 (Kenosha): DJ Jim's party 9 p.m. to close.
 Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.
 Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Super Saturday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange.
 Just Us (Milwaukee): Country Dance! Free dance lessons 7 p.m. to midnight with the Shoreline Dancers. Restaurant open from 6 to 10 p.m. DJ 'nill close.
 Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.
 Mad Bar (Madison): Bottles of Rolling Rock \$2. Shots of Jagermeister \$2. Levi/leather uniform night! 50¢ discount for those dressed in Levi & leather or uniforms.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Friendly Bartenders. Grill open 4 to 10 p.m.
 Manoeuvres (Madison): Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. \$1 off of every drink. Bottles of Rolling Rock \$2. DJ Every night at 10 p.m.
 Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.
 OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.
 Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 9 to 11 p.m. DJ dancing starting at 11 p.m.
 Station 2 (Milwaukee): Cold Schnapps shots \$1.50.
 The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 80¢ top beers, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhounds. All until 6 p.m.
 The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!

Bar Events:

Friday, December 12

Cell Block (Chicago): BONDAGE Fetish night! Drawing for \$100 Male Hide Gift Cert. Eat Pleasure DJ. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.
 OH Zone (Rockford, IL): The Sunset Dames Drag Show Anniversary Weekend! FMI call (815) 964-9663.

Saturday, December 13

Cell Block (Chicago): Full Moon Party & Contest. Come in and MOON the video camera for a chance at \$50 in Cell Block Bucks. Freddie Bain DJ. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16

In Between - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at the bar from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, December 19

Cell Block (Chicago): Christmas Party with Santa. Daddies & Bears instead of reindeer! Santa will have a present for everyone who brings food & personal items for Open Hand Chicago
 OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Male Dancers! FMI call (815) 964-9663.

Saturday, December 20

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): The Fabulous Black & White Party! FMI call (815) 964-9663.

Monday, December 22

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Ruby's Rockin' Raunchy X-mas Review. FMI call (815) 964-9663.

Saturday, December 13

Shake It Up/Frontiers - Holiday Potluck (Madison): Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30 p.m. Frontiers provides the meat. You provide the side dishes. FMI call (608) 244-8960 or (608)244-8675.

Sunday, December 14

Dignity/Milwaukee - Religious Services (Milwaukee): Worship at 6 p.m., followed by potluck and spiritual discussion. FMI call (414) 873-9591.

Monday, December 15

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Rap Group (Madison): Attend a spirited, open discussion with this friendly bunch of guys. FMI call Tim at (608) 274-7272.

Tuesday, December 16

Boyz Nite - ARCW (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movies are shown on the first Tuesday of the month & later there is a discussion. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

Sex Out Loud (Madison): A discussion group for gay/bi men at the Memorial Student Union from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. FMI call Jay at (608) 265-4901.

Wednesday, December 17

SAGE/Dane - Women's Chat (Madison): Meet at the Bagel & Baking Company at 9:30 a.m. FMI call (608) 835-8971.

Friday, December 19

SAGE/Madison - Gay Male Geezers (Madison): Meet every Friday at Monty's Blue Plate Diner at 3:30 p.m. Sometimes it's High Tea & Talk or maybe a movie.

Saturday, December 20

Integrity/Dignity - Christmas Potluck (Madison): Annual "Beary" Merry Christmas at Jim & Bill's. Please RSVP by 12/14. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

Sunday, December 21

P-FLAG Holiday Party (Madison): At the Friends Society Meeting House on Roberts Court at 2 p.m. FMI write PO Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Holiday Buffet & Tea Dance (Milwaukee): This event at Just Us, 807 S. 5th St., will feature a full holiday buffet, free non-alcoholic drinks, a cash bar, a tea dance & door prizes.

Book Clubs, Classes and Readings:

Sunday, December 14

Woodland Pattern - 18th Annual Holiday Open House (Milwaukee): The open house will be from noon to 5 p.m. Readings will start at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A 20% discount (with some restrictions) is available. FMI call (414) 263-5007.

Monday, December 15

GAMMA - Book Club (Milwaukee): The group meets at 7:30 p.m. and will discuss John Berendt's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Next month, "Truth Serum" by Bernard Cooper. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Tuesday, December 16

Gerber/Hart Library - Lesbian Book Club (Chicago): The group will discuss "The Escape Artists" by Judith Katz. FMI call (773) 883-3003.

Community Meetings and Events:

Thursday, December 11

Health & Healing Perspectives (Milwaukee): Explore self-help treatments, meet other persons using immune based therapies. Anyone is welcome who is HIV Positive and/or HIV-6A. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Milwaukee Public Library on North Ave. FMI call Jim at (414) 277-8471 or Mark at (414) 545-6539.

Friday, December 12

GAMMA - Dining Out (Milwaukee): Meet at 6:30 p.m. at a well-regarded Chinese restaurant. Dinner prices range from \$8 to \$13. FMI call (414) 264-9180.

Positive Voice Holiday Dinner (Green Bay): At the Woodside Country Club with cocktails & cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 499-5533.



—BIG smile. Photo by Jamie.



Illinois Babes. Photo by Jamie at Emerald City.

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Wednesday, December 24

Unity Church - Christmas Eve (Milwaukee): A Candle-light Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Unity Church at 1717 N. 73rd St. A special Christmas story & music will be featured. The public is invited. FMI call (414) 475-0105.

Film, TV, Video and Radio:

Friday, December 12

UWM Fine Arts - Video Festival (Milwaukee): Student Film & Video Festival at 8 p.m. in the UWM Fine Arts Theater. FMI call (414) 229-6015.

Sunday, December 14

HER TURN - WORT 89.9 FM (Madison): A 30 minute radio news show for those who use the "F" word (feminism). Followed by a Womyn's music show, "Her Infinite Variety" from 11:30 to 2 p.m. To volunteer call Susan Goldworn (608) 256-2001.

Monday, December 15

SAGE/Milwaukee - Film (Milwaukee): A film showing Riverdance in concert will be shown at 7 p.m. in the SAGE Room of the Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave.

Wednesday, December 17

A&E Channel 22 - Biography (Milwaukee): "Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror" World Premier at 7 p.m. CST. A definitive documentary about one of the most fascinating public figures of our time.

A&E Channel 22 - American Justice: Murder (Milwaukee): "In Cold Blood" World Premier at 8 p.m. CST. An investigation into the gruesome murder Capote wrote about, and the way that changed the way America saw itself.

Monday, December 22

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison): A screening of the comedy/drama "Beautiful Thing" at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bob at (608) 244-3351.

Wednesday, December 24

QUEERY - WORT 89.9 FM (Madison): Your Queer FM radio station for news and information for south-central Wisconsin plays every Wednesday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. To volunteer call Margo Robb at (608) 256-2001. Followed by "This Way Out" a nationally produced show for GLBT folks at 7:30 p.m.

Galleries & Museums:

Thursday, December 11

Gallery H20 - Current Show (Milwaukee): "Emotionations" the art of John Ernst & Brian Tolbert will run through 12/28. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Michael Lord Gallery - Peter Max Milwaukee: This currently running show, in conjunction with the grand reopening of the Marcus Center has been extended until Saturday, December 13. FMI call (414) 272-1450.

Friday, December 12

Gallery 218 - Christmas Show/Benefit (Milwaukee): "Feliz Navidoodads" will open and run through 12/14. Jewelry, glass, paintings, photographs and more will be for sale. Admission is a food donation for the Hunger Task Force/Food For Families Campaign. Also showing will be "Artists Wreaths" a show of unique wreaths created by area artists. FMI call (414) 277-7800.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Posters & Prints (Milwaukee): Art Nouveau color prints and posters in the Teweles Gallery through 3/8/98. Regular museum admission, MAM members free. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, December 19

Milwaukee Art Museum - Drawings (Milwaukee): An exhibition of 65 drawings in pencil, oil, acrylic, gouache and watercolor by Chilean-born artist Jorge Tacla in the South Entrance Gallery through 2/15/98. Regular museum admission, MAM members free. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Theater Arts:

Friday, December 12

Madison Repertory Theater - Musical Comedy (Madison): "Triple Espresso" will open at 8 p.m., and run through 12/31 with various times. FMI, times & tickets call (608) 266-9055. The 12/28 performance will be interpreted in American Sign Language. TTD: (608) 267-2674.

Milwaukee Ballet - The Nutcracker (Milwaukee): The perennial classic returns in the newly refurbished Uihlein Hall. FMI, Times & tickets call Marcus Center Box Office at (414) 273-7206; the Milwaukee Ballet (414) 643-7677; or TicketMaster (414) 276-4545.

University of Chicago - Anonymous 4 (Chicago): This 8 p.m. performance of "Legends of St. Nicholas" is at The Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut w/front entrance on N. Michigan Ave at Delaware Place. FMI & tickets call (773) 702-8086.

Sunday, December 14

UWM Fine Arts - New Generation Concert (Milwaukee): Concert featuring cello with soprano vocals in the Fine Arts Theater at 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Tuesday, December 16

Riverside Theater - Tap Dance (Milwaukee): "TAP DOGS," Hunky Australian & American men turn top upside down on an industrial construction-site set. The International Award-winning tap sensation opens for a six-day run (8 performances only) through December 21. FMI & tickets call (414) 224-3000.

Thursday, December 18

St. Josephat Basilica - Handel's Messiah (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra & Chorus at 7:30 p.m. at 6th & Lincoln. Enjoy the music and see the newly restored interior. Tickets \$12 (main floor) & \$10 (balcony). FMI & tickets call (414) 273-7206.

Friday, December 19

Boulevard Ensemble - Opening Night (Milwaukee): "Found A Peanut," a comedy by Donald Margilies will have its premier at the Boulevard Theater and run through 1/18/98. FMI & Tickets call (414) 672-6019.

Centennial Hall - Holiday Punch 97 (Milwaukee): Dale Gutzman's 18th holiday review will be presented at 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall (in the Milwaukee Public Library, 733 N. 8th St.). The show is also scheduled for 12/21 at 2 p.m., 12/27 at 8 p.m. & 12/31 at 8 & 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$15, except for the New Years Eve shows, which are \$20. FMI call (414) 466-4049.

Saturday, December 20

Oshkosh Opera House - Holiday Hop (Oshkosh): Motown comes to Oshkosh with a holiday celebration presenting the Coasters, the Drifters and the Marvelettes. Shows at 2 & 8 p.m. FMI & tickets (MC/Visa) call (920) 424-2350.



Relaxing after a hard day of shopping. Photo by Jamie at Emerald City.



Cheers! Photo by Jamie at Emerald City.



Smiles for everyone! Photo by Jamie.



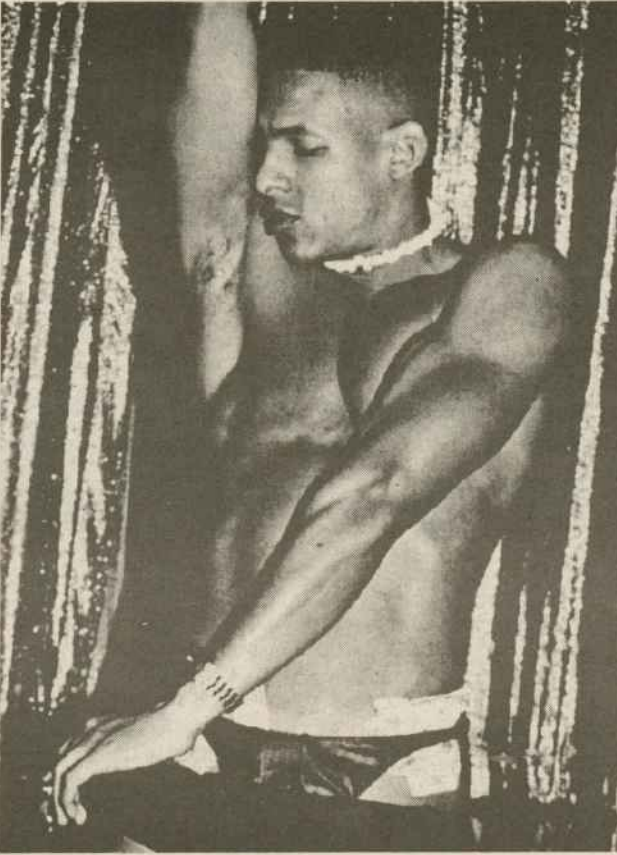
Dish Women. Photo by Jamie at Dish.



Our mustaches were separated at birth. Photo by Jamie.



Have you boys been naughty or nice?. Photo by Jamie at M&M Club



Smells just like a Carolina pine forest. Photo by Jamie at Club 219.

DANCE BEAT

by DJ Bange

Through all the seasons of this year, some wonderful dance music has entered the permanent landscape of our memories ... and made us shake our butts.

Here are the Top Ten songs that made the crowd move; the songs they asked for time and time again. These are the songs we'll remember fondly, years from now, as the dance soundtrack to 1997...

10. *She Moves "Breaking All The Rules (Bergman Bros. Dance Mix) (Geffen)*

This new pop group made the top ten with their very first single that's still burning up the dance floors. We'll hear more from She Moves in 1998.

9. *Le Click "Don't Go (BMG)*

The spin-off group of La Bouche holds their own this year with their long-awaited follow up to "Call Me". The beat is infectious and Le Click's formula of mixing the emotion of neediness with a good beat seems to be working.

8. *Spice Girls "Spice Up Your Life" (Virgin)*

This first release off their second album floored me. "Spice Up Your Life" is sassy, up-tempo and makes me want to merengue. It was one of the songs of 1997 I couldn't listen to and sit still, and proved that the girls have some staying power as well as girl power.

7. *DJ Company "Rhythm of Love (non-rap)"*

The second single from the UK group spelled success. I've always been a sucker for a great beat and good lyrics, but the dance floor was the judge for this track. "Rhythm of Love" kept 'em on the dance floor every time.

6. *Back Street Boys "Quit Playing Games... (Jazzy Jim's Radio Edit)" (Jive)*

The Boys hit it big with gay audiences everywhere ... not just because they're cute and cuddly, but because they kept us singing and dancing with their first US hit. They're already climbing the charts with their second hit "As Long As You Love Me".

5. *Le Click "Call Me (non-rap)" (BMG)*

Le Click follows in the footsteps of their mentors La Bouche, by being the only group with 2 songs in the top ten. (Last year La Bouche had two).

4. *Gina G. "Oooh ... Aaaah ..." (Arista)*

To this day the "Oooh ... Aaaah" song, as it became known, can still pack the dance floor. Who could resist that chorus?? The lyrics weren't deep, but the beat is sometimes all that's important at 2 a.m. on a Saturday night in the summer.

3. *Real McCoy "One More Time" (Arista)*

I received countless requests, night after night, when "One More Time" was hot. The new Real McCoy proved they were bigger and better with the first single off their second CD. (You notice as we get higher on the charts the songs get fluffier and fluffier, lyrically speaking. But it's always easier to sing along to these songs after you've been drinking!)

2. *Crush "Jellyhead" (BMG)*

Certainly one of my personal favorites of 1997. The duo known as Crush scored big with their first single. Their follow-up was released in late October. What? You haven't heard it? That's the cruel world of dance music. They made the charts for 1997. But what happens to them in 1998? Jobs at Baby Gap? ("So what if your jeans are torn...?")

1. *Aqua "Barbie Girl" (MCA)*

Controversy aside, this was the most talked about dance song of the year. And definitely the most fun to dance to. Young and old, gay and straight, "the Barbie song" united us all. And that is truly the power of music. A good song knows no race, color, or creed. And in 1997, "Barbie Girl" fever caught us all. From drag queens to my partner's 4-year-old daughter. Aqua takes it this year hands down.

So until my countdown in February (where I list the top ten songs to hump to), clip this one out. Save it. Buy every album on this list. Then as you listen to Crush or Le Click, remember the good times you've had dancing the night away under the mirrored ball in 1997.

DJ Bange spins records at Emerald City Night Club.



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Well, here it is, deadline Sunday already. Is life moving just a bit too fast? As you know, the older you get the faster life seems to be speeding by. Thanksgiving this year was a smashing hit for me. As I told you in a previous column, I had planned a small Thanksgiving "get together" at my house this year. It was my motivation to get the dining room completed so I can move on to the next room.

Keep in mind as you read this that I am not one who is comfortable throwing parties, but I thought what the hell. It started with just inviting a friend of mine who I knew wasn't doing anything. I've been friends with this person for a few years now and have been to every party he has had (no matter who else was going to be at the party) and thought, now it's my turn to put on the grub, stock up the booze and have a little party.

As it got closer to Thanksgiving I started to invite a few more people. I invited a couple of people from work that I knew didn't have much planned, hoping like crazy they would accept. Let me tell you just a bit about those people.

First there is Chris. She happens to be the reason I am still with Skylab. Quite a few months ago there were some things going on at work that I was very unhappy about and I started to look around for a different place to "showcase my talents". (A little modesty? Not me.) Chris was there at the right time with the right things to say, therefore I am still there. She also has this contagious laugh that no matter how bad of a mood I'm in I can't help but smile when I hear it.

Then there is Junior. Actually, his name is Pete, but I gave him the name Junior

'cause the boss's name is Pete. Junior is 22, very cute and unfortunately for "our team" he plays on "their team". Junior is also (even though he wouldn't admit it) very sweet, very sensitive and very deep. There is a lot more to Junior than meets the eye.

How 'bout JJ (Jason John). The name Jason happens to be my favorite name so he already has that going for him and on top of that he's cute but also plays on "their team". JJ was more than willing to stop by for Thanksgiving. You see he has a "thing" for my tenant, Amy and was hoping to meet her.

Two other friends of mine showed up as well. Chris (WGAY) showed up at 11:30 to help me clean and let me tell ya, there was a lot to clean. During any remodeling project, things like dishes, laundry and other daily things don't get done on a regular basis. I'll tell ya, I couldn't have done it without Chris.

Another friend came by with what turned out to be the best dish served that night. Jeff brought the best stuffing I have ever had. Just about everyone commented on the stuffing. The only person that did not show up was the person I originally planned the party for.

I'm tellin' ya things couldn't have been better. Some very dear friends of mine came over to share the Holiday with me and that meant more to me than words can describe. People seemed to be enjoying themselves, and I couldn't help but be a bit giddy knowing the party was (at least in my mind) a total success. The highlight of the evening was Chris's (from Skylab) mother in law Ginny, dancing on the coffee table. OK so she wasn't dancing on the coffee table but none the less, she also was fun and I was

glad she came.

After the party we decided to head down to Triangle. I even got Junior to come down there with us. (I promised him I wouldn't let anything happen to him.) It was great, we played a bit of pool, had some drinks and before you know it I was sitting on the pool table with my arm around Junior having one of those heart to heart talks. We talked about how when he first met me he didn't really understand Gay people and how I was somewhat instrumental in his acceptance and understanding of Gay people. Hats off to Junior for being the sweet guy that he is and even though he doesn't play for "our team" I respect and admire him.

So there it was, my Thanksgiving, one of the best days I have had in a very long time.

What else has been happenin' you ask? The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) was in town over the Holiday. Bowlers from all over converged on Milwaukee to put on smelly shoes and throw a ball down a long alley aiming for little penguins. What's that you say? Oh, those are called bowling pins. Anyway there were parties all over town for them. One of them was at Club 219. The place was packed with lots of bowlers enjoying the party put together just for them. Another party at M&M brought in lots of bowlers as well.

Many of the bowlers were hanging out at The Ball Game, This Is It and M&M, over the weekend keeping all of the bartenders in town very busy.

The Grand Opening party at Eagle boasted a great turnout. There was lots of yummy food and even more yummy men. Congrats to the Eagle for what looks to be

a very successful club.

Dish continues to keep a full house, I mean who couldn't resist such a cool bar to hang out at. Parking isn't as easy as it used to be in that area but fortunately there is plenty of parking down there so that will never be a problem.

Club 94 had another auction to benefit SEWAP. I only heard about it through the grapevine so I don't have any other details but if it was anything like the other auctions they've had I'm sure it was a blast.

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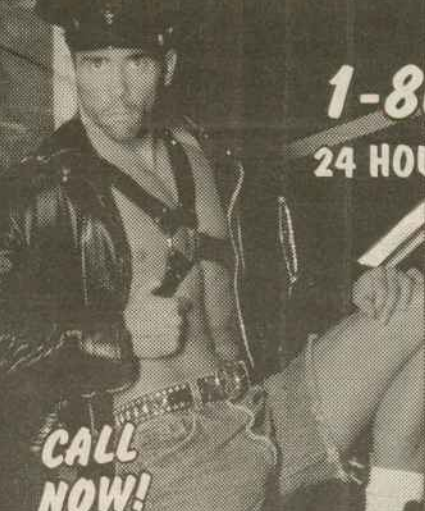
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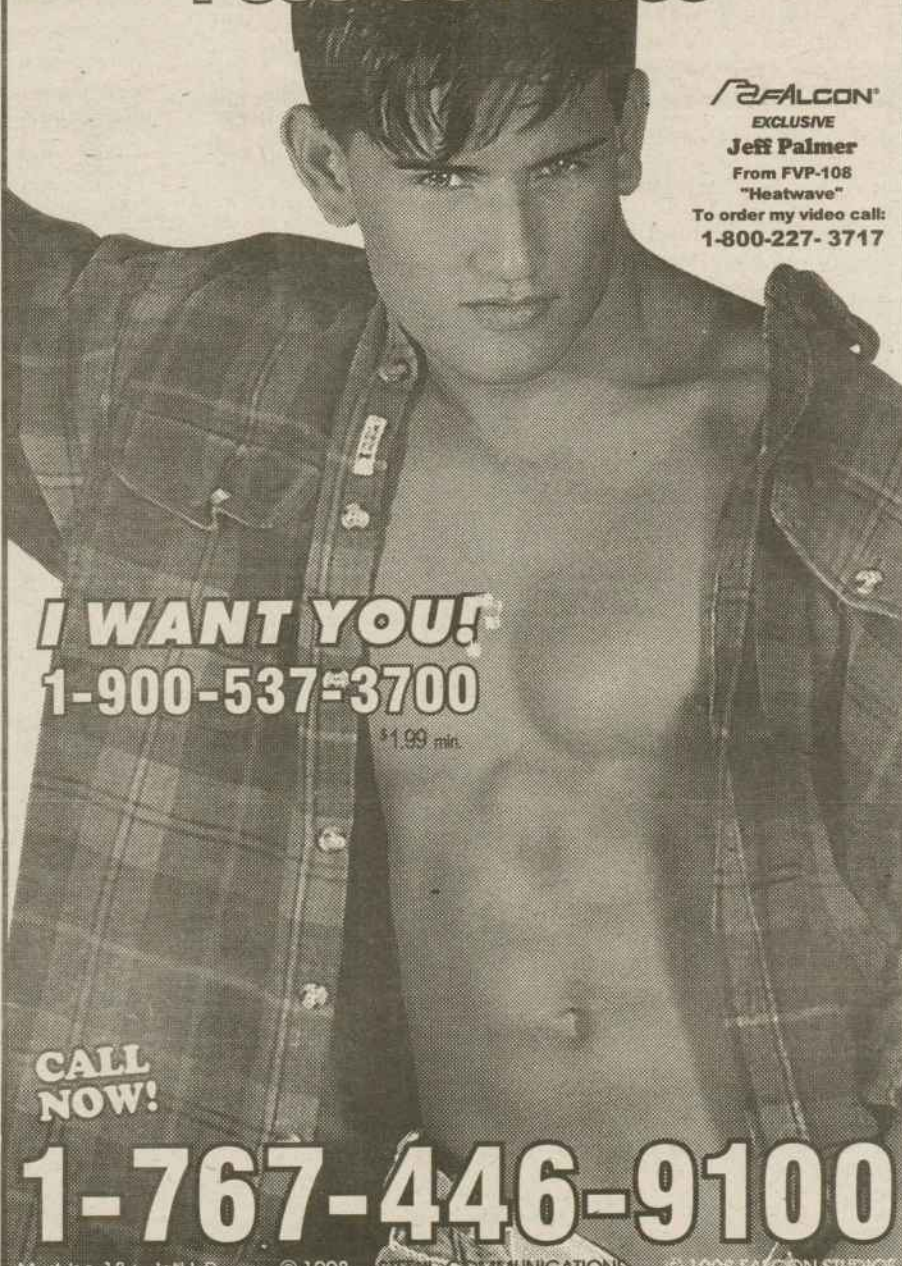
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SIMILAR ATTRACTION Hey guys, how's it going? Milwaukee man, wants to meet someone with similar characteristics. What's similar? 6'1, Brown hair, Green eyes, 160lbs. Let's have some fun. (Milwaukee) ☎3776

VARSITY TEAM MATE

Black, college student seeks friendship with other Gay males. You are between 18 and 30, intelligent, game-free, serious, and comfortable with yourself. I'm 24 years old, 6'5, and weigh 200lbs. My interests are varied and deep. It's you, not the race, that counts. (Milwaukee) ☎5522

LOOK NO FURTHER

This professional, 40 year old, Gay, White Male, 5'7, 150lbs, is a bottom, who enjoys workouts, movies, dinners, and sex. We can meet in my east side Milwaukee condo for discrete, sexual encounters. Smoke and drug free, please. (Milwaukee) ☎5561

SWEET, SEXY ORAL

Single, Hispanic male, 18, 5'9, 200lbs, deaf, using sign language, seeks a Single, Gay, White or Hispanic male, 18 to 30, interested in getting to know each other. You should be willing to learn sign language. (Milwaukee) ☎4994

FUN ON THE PHONE

I'm looking for guys to talk to on the phone and have some fun with. This good looking, White male, 33, 6'2, 175lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a mustache, can't wait to talk to you. (Milwaukee) ☎4845

ANY HAIR THERE?

Youthful, handsome, White male, 39, 6ft, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a husky build, seeks guys for good times. I'm masculine and have regular guy interests, like watching football and more. I'd like to meet men between 21 and 45. I'm especially attracted to hairy guys with facial hair. (Peshtigo) ☎7675

MAKE ME A MAN Boy wants to be made into a man. Mature guys, here's you're chance. If you're between 45 to 75 years old, and want the special pleasures only a young, inexperienced boy can offer, please give me a call. (Princeton) ☎5575

GETTING IN THE GROOVE

I'm just coming to terms with my sexuality and would like to meet someone who can help me work through that. You can be inexperienced like me, or have something to teach. I'm a handsome, White male, 6ft, 220lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Ideally, I'd love to find a relationship. (Racine) ☎5909

FEEL THE TINGLING

Nice looking, White male, 27, 6ft, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, seeks other attractive men, around my age, for good times. Let's hook up and see what happens. (Superior) ☎5572

TICKLE ME PINK

Tickling turns me on. Really! What turns you on? I am 5'11, 180lbs, with long, Brown hair, Green eyes, and a goatee. Music, dance, theater, walks, reading, and collecting are all of interest to me. Husky to heavy build, preferred. (Racine) ☎5662

CHECKERED FLAG I'm a 27 year old, Bi, White male, into sports, watching Nascar races, working out, and running. I'd like to meet some friends, 18 to 30, with similar interests. (Wausau) ☎7264

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

I'm a spontaneous, romantic, Gay, White male, in my 40's, who's young at heart. I have Brown hair, Green eyes, and mustache. My interests include the outdoors, movies, moonlit walks, quiet times at home, and all the good stuff. I'd like to meet a Gay male, any age, to share friendship, love, life, and happiness. (Wausau) ☎5768

24 OR YOUNGER

This handsome, masculine, 36 year old, can be your mentor and companion. I'm 6'2, 200lbs, with a construction worker's build. I'm active, versatile, and have many interests, including model trains, rock and roll, woodworking, 4x4s, camping, and traveling out west. I'm attracted to masculine, adventurous, boy next door types. ☎9659

SUPERIOR STUD

Good looking, fit, masculine, White male, 27, 5'7, 170lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, is into the outdoors, working out, camping, hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, concerts, movies, and road trips. I'm easy going and am sometimes a bit shy. I'd like to meet guys with similar characteristics for fun times. Please be in the Phillips, Ironwood, Superior, Minocqua area. ☎9481

ACTIVE PASSION

This masculine, White male, with a mustache, Brown hair, Blue Green eyes, and a swimmer's build, seeks an aggressive, yet passionate, Black male, who's active but can also kick back and relax. Let's have some one to one fun. ☎6752

X RATE MY PLAY

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CUM TO YOU Hard men, between 18 and 28, need special attention? I can take care of you. I'm a Single, White male, 28, with a smooth, great looking body. I'm disease free, and can travel. I'll give you what you want. Always discreet, I'll come to you. (Appleton) #5394

TONIGHT OR FOREVER I'm a handsome, 27 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, interested in a relationship, or just a couple nights of fun. (Ashland) #7164

VIDEO VENGEANCE This good looking, White male, 39, 5'11, 180lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a mustache, is totally into videos and having good sex, at least once a week. Let's have a blast. (Baraboo) #8229

AWESOME SERVICE I love to service hard, slender, well hung, Black and White males, 20 to 35, who are cut, horny, and delicious. I'm a youthful, clean, White male, in my 40's, 5'10, 175lbs, with dark hair and Green eyes. Let me relieve the pressure. (Duluth) #7220

BOY NEXT DOOR This discreet, professional, White male, the boy next door type, masculine, attractive, and in shape, 27, seeks guys around my age for fun times and hot encounters. I'm open minded and safe, 6'1, 180lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like to go out and party on the weekends. (Eau Claire) #6956

BLOW HARD Good looking, masculine, White male, 35, 6ft, 190lbs, with dark hair and eyes, wants to hook up with other hot studs, in their 20's and 30's, for great times. (Eau Claire) #7099

ATTENTION SENIORS! This nice looking, fit, Bi, White male, 26, gets into giving oral pleasure, and erotic, full body massages, to well endowed, senior males, in their 60's, 70's, and 80's. If you're interested in a discreet get together with a clean, safe, horny guy, who wants to give you pleasure, give me a call. I can travel throughout south central Wisconsin. (Janesville) #9607

MADISON MEETING Horny, Gay, White male, 19, wants to meet guys, 18 to 24, for hot fun. I won't tell anybody. (Madison) #10079

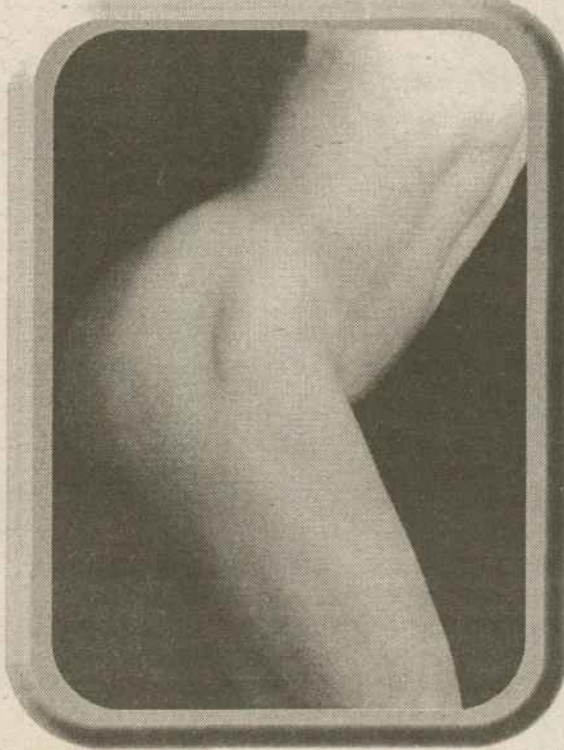
PROVE MEN ARE BETTER This very well endowed, Bi, White male, 6'2, 220lbs, with a hairy chest, needs to find another well hung guy, to prove to me that it's more fun with men. I'm totally new to this but am all jacked up for it. I can last for hours. (Madison) #8776

DO THE RIGHT THING I need a daddy to show me the ropes. This very submissive, White male, is attractive, smooth, and ready to do the right thing. (Madison) #8327

SILVER STREAK Attention seniors. This attractive, well built, Gay, White male, in my 40's, seeks in shape, senior, Gay, White males, in their 60's, 70's, or early 80's. White hair and a hairy chest are big pluses. I'm willing to travel to Milwaukee. (Madison) #8322

YOU WEAR THE PANTS This hot, Bi, White male, seeks men to dominate me. One at a time or groups. I'm especially interested in Transvestites and Transsexuals. (Madison) #7890

FEEL MY WARMTH This well endowed stud likes to be on the bottom. I'm looking for a hot guy, 25 to 30, to share good times with. (Madison) #7613



FEELING FRISKY? This 32 year old, butch boy, 6'2, 175lbs, and easy on the eyes, seeks a frisky top, 21 to 35, for obvious reasons. (Madison) #7180

EXPLORING, EXPANDING This good looking, White male, 30, mostly dominant, seeks bottoms, for hot times. I'm also interested in an older man to serve and obey. (Madison) #6953

THE BOND THAT TIES Good looking, 23 year old, White male, 6ft, 180lbs, seeks dominant, aggressive men who are into bondage. (Madison) #6419

HAND SOME I love hands. Beautiful, well manicured hands. I'm a Black man, 40 years old, who appreciates what the right hand can do. I'm looking for handsome men, between 40 and 65 years old, please call. (Madison) #5085

BEAR IN CHARGE I'm a firm, stern, but fair and loving bear, 35, of medium size. I'm strong with dark, Blond hair and Blue eyes. I need bare bottomed, clean shaven, boy toys, 18 to 25, who desire to play sex games and be dominated and punished by a stronger, older, wiser man, such as myself. Come on boy, let me show you what a man really is. (Milwaukee) #9837

FOREVER YOUNG I'm a very young looking, 25 year old, White male, 5'11, 145lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and good looks. I wanna meet other guys, 18 to 27, for fun. (Milwaukee) #8835

KNOT'S LANDING This good looking, 37 year old, White male, 5'8, 160lbs, wants to get into the bondage scene. I've been longing to be tied up but I don't have any experience. I hope you'll call if you can show me what it's all about. Use a tight knot. (Milwaukee) #9928

YOUR BODY OBSESSER I'd like to meet a bodybuilder who likes having his body worshipped and serviced, by a smooth, in shape, good looking, White male, 5'9. I'm very versatile and can be submissive or dominant. (Milwaukee) #9635

FOOT PATROL This masculine, White male, has a strong, pronounced foot fetish. I love servicing and being serviced by other men who share this interest. I'm also into footwear, especially boots. (Milwaukee) #9501

CAN'T GET ENOUGH I'm looking for some interesting and sexy people to meet. I like anything hot and intense. This 19 year old, White male, 5'10, 180lbs of muscle, has Blond hair and Green eyes. I can't wait to get it on. (Milwaukee) #9332

SECRET CIRCLE This Married, Bi, White male, 50, with a husky build, seeks other Bi, Gay, Married, or otherwise available men, for pleasurable, passionate fun. I'm seeking ongoing friendships with other clean, healthy guys. I can get away whenever I want and I need some companions. Age, race, and size aren't important. (Milwaukee) #9450

BACK TO THE BOYS Newly Divorced, White male, 5'11, 240lbs and losing weight, seeks guys to have fun with. I smoke, am a social drinker, and can't wait to catch up on what I've been missing. (Milwaukee) #8973

INEXPERIENCED SLAVE Slave to be, looking for an older master. I'm a 32 year old, White, professional, Bi male, eager but inexperienced. I want to be a good slave. Show me how. (Milwaukee) #8966

THE LOOK OF LOVE I'm looking for a tall, masculine guy, over 6ft, either Black or White, who has varied interests. I'm a 46 year old, White male, who's kind, loving, and enjoys nice people and good sex. I'm the type who prefers a quiet night at home. I'm very oral and into kissing, hugging, and making love, not just having sex. (Milwaukee) #8741

MASTER ME This good looking, masculine, well endowed, White male, 31, 6'2, 185lbs, with Blond hair, seeks a master into serious bondage and discipline, light S&M, creative humiliation, and occasional crossdressing action. I'm also into nature, nudism, movies, and more. I'm sweet, sincere, honest, loyal, and can't wait to meet you. (Milwaukee) #8395

AT MY EXPENSE This good looking, fun loving, passive male, seeks a dominant, aggressive top, who likes to enjoy himself at the expense of another person. I'm into leather, bondage, and slavery. I'm all yours. (Milwaukee) #8045

OUTGOING HOMEBODY I'm looking for a sensitive someone who likes to explore sexually. I hope you're an outgoing person who's also a bit of a homebody and who enjoys entertaining friends. (Milwaukee) #8391

PARENTAL UNIT WANTED I'm an attractive, clean shaven, submissive, 24 year old, White male, 6'3, 190lbs, with Blond hair and Green eyes. I love older men. I need a father figure who can help me when I've been bad and show me what to do. I'll bet you know all the right ways to punish me. (Milwaukee) #8423

I'M CUMIN TO TOWN Good looking, versatile, Black male, 26, 6'3, 210lbs, seeks other masculine, versatile guys, 25 to 45, over 6ft, for good times. I live in Chicago but visit Milwaukee frequently. (Milwaukee) #8511

HANKY BROWNIE I'm looking for hot, White males, who know what a brown hanky means. I'm good looking, sexy, 6'5, 190lbs, and am an expert in this unique scene, as a top or bottom. (Milwaukee) #7412

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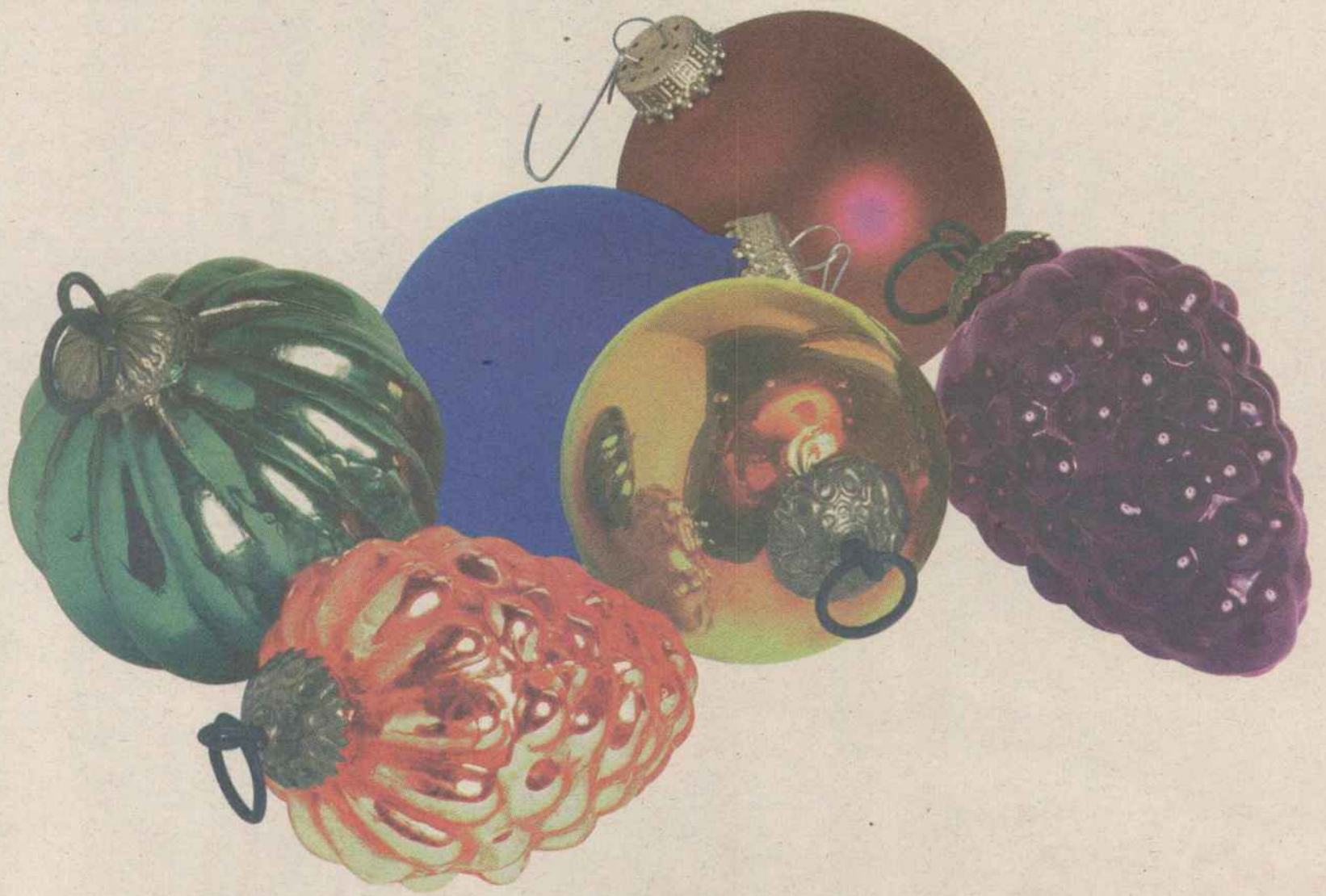
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